

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR**

August 23-September 3

# Ag-Hort- Bee 2012



## RULES & PREMIUMS

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**Additional premium lists and entry forms may be obtained by:**

**downloading** from the Minnesota State Fair website, [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org) (Competitions, Ag-Hort-Bee)  
**emailing** the Competition Department at [competition@mnstatefair.org](mailto:competition@mnstatefair.org)  
**writing** the Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108  
**calling** the Competition Department at (651) 288-4417

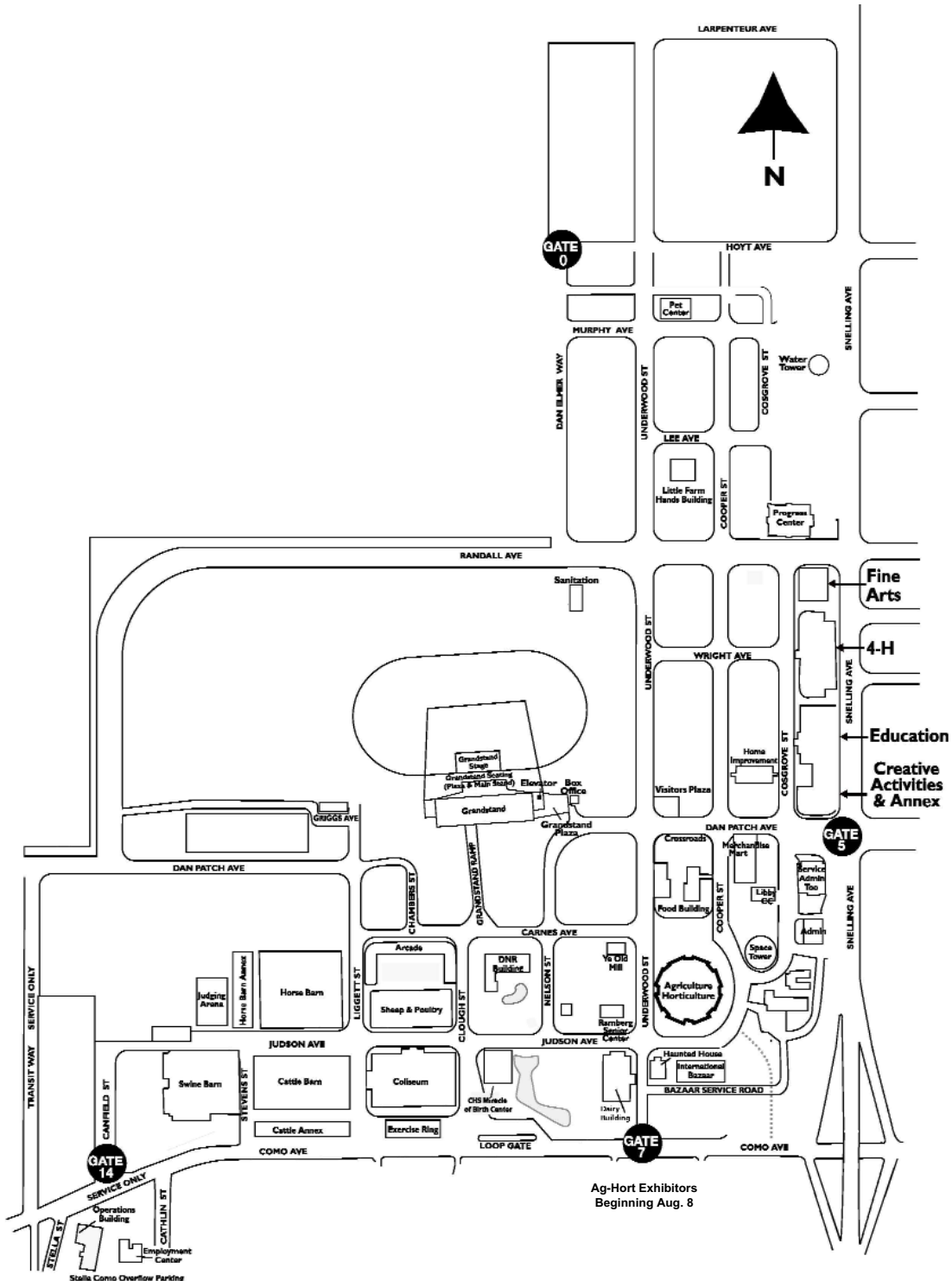
Online registration! Registration for entries is available online at the Minnesota State Fair website, [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org) for all divisions except Farm Crops, classes 103-111. See instructions at the beginning of each division.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATES IN OPERATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Competition Office	year-round	(651) 288-4417
Fax number	year-round	(651) 642-2456
<b>EMAIL</b> <a href="mailto:competition@mnstatefair.org">competition@mnstatefair.org</a>	<b>WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.mnstatefair.org">www.mnstatefair.org</a>	
Christmas Trees	Aug. 20 to Sept. 3	(651) 642-2425
Bee & Honey	Aug. 20 to Sept. 3	(651) 642-2307
Farm Crops	Aug. 10 to Sept. 3	(651) 642-2309
Flower Show	Aug. 22 to Sept. 3	(651) 642-2308
Fruit & Wine	Aug. 22 to Sept. 3	(651) 642-2344
Vegetable & Potato	Aug. 22 to Sept. 3	(651) 642-2401

**DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS, AND FOR YOUR SAFETY**, vehicles coming to the fair will be subject to inspection. In addition, we ask exhibitors to work with us to maintain a safe and secure environment for all our guests. **SEE MAP BELOW.**

- ◆ **Beginning Aug. 6, Upon entrance individual vehicle inspections may occur. We recommend Ag-Hort exhibitors delivering exhibits to use Gate 7.**



**Please note the previous page only pertains to the pre-fair delivery of entries.** See below for information on delivery and pick-up during the fair. At the conclusion of the fair, Gate 7 (south Underwood gate, with access off Como Avenue) will re-open for the return of entries. **See map on previous page.**

**DURING FAIR:** Please make note of the following arrival and departure times.

Thursday, Aug. 23	7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	<b>Vegetables</b> (Group I) arrive
Friday, Aug. 24	9 p.m. to midnight	<b>Flowers</b> (Horticultural and African Violet societies) <b>depart by 10 p.m.</b> <b>Flowers</b> (Gladiolus Society) arrive
Saturday, Aug. 25	6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	<b>Flowers</b> (Gladiolus Society) arrive
Sunday, Aug. 26	7 a.m. to 9 a.m. 9 p.m. to midnight	<b>Vegetables</b> (Group II) arrive <b>Flowers</b> (Gladiolus Society) <b>depart by 10 p.m.</b>
Monday, Aug. 27	6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	<b>Flowers</b> (State Fair show) arrive
Tuesday, Aug. 28	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 9 p.m. to midnight	<b>Bees</b> (Open Observation Hive) depart <b>Flowers</b> (State Fair Show) <b>depart by 10 p.m.</b> <b>Flowers</b> (Federated Garden Club and Minnesota Florist Assn.) arrive
Wednesday, Aug. 29	6 a.m. to 9 a.m.	<b>Bees</b> (Novice Observation Hive) arrive <b>Flowers</b> (Federated Garden Club) arrive <b>Vegetables</b> (Group III) arrive
Thursday, Aug. 30	6 a.m. to 9 a.m. 9 p.m. to midnight	<b>Farm Crops</b> (New Corn) arrive <b>Flowers</b> (Orchid and Bonsai societies) arrive (Federated Garden Club) <b>depart by 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Sept. 1	7 a.m. to 9 a.m. 9 p.m. to midnight	<b>Vegetables</b> (Group IV) arrive <b>Flowers</b> (Dahlia Society) arrive (Orchid and Bonsai societies) <b>depart by 10 p.m.</b>
Sunday, Sept. 2	6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	<b>Flowers</b> (Dahlia Society) arrive
Monday, Sept. 3	8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	<b>Everything departs</b>

#### **ADMISSIONS**

Tickets described below can be purchased when making entries.

Pedestrian Admission. Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be solely contingent upon presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the schedule of gate admission prices that follows:

Adults, 13 through 64 years of age .....	\$12
Seniors, 65 years of age and over .....	\$10
Children, 5 through 12 years of age .....	\$10
Children under 5 years of age .....	Free
Parking .....	\$12
Park and Ride Parking.....	Free
Park and Ride Bus Fare .....	Free

NOTE: Competitive exhibitors may purchase gate admission tickets prior to the fair's opening, Aug. 23, 2012, at an advance sale rate of \$9 each. No advance tickets will be available after 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012. Upon leaving the grounds, fairgoers may ask for a pass-out privilege. This will allow them to re-enter the grounds until 10:30 p.m. that day without paying admission.

**MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Rules governing the management and control of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and the Minnesota State Fair.

**CHAPTER ONE - GENERAL****1.01 Authority**

These rules are promulgated pursuant to authority granted the Minnesota State Agricultural Society by Minn. Stat. § 37.16. The Minnesota State Agricultural Society is not an agency of statewide jurisdiction, therefore, rules adopted by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society have not been promulgated pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ch. 14 and will not be found in the bound volume of Minnesota rules.

**1.02 Definitions**

For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. Board of managers: The board of managers is responsible for management and control of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society including the annual election of its secretary.
- B. Commercial space: Those areas and locations on the State Fairgrounds designated by the Society to be used for commercial exhibits and concessions.
- C. Commercial space committee: The committee of three or more members of the board of managers, designated by the president of the Society, empowered to examine Society commercial space policies and the actions of the commercial space division and make recommendations thereon to the board of managers.
- D. Competitive exhibitor: Any person or firm which enters animals or articles for competitive exhibition at the State Fair.
- E. Delegate: That employee of the Society given authority by the secretary to act on the secretary's behalf in the instance specified.
- F. Department superintendent: That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society department.
- G. Director: That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society division.
- H. License: An agreement whereby the Society grants to an entity the privilege to exhibit, disseminate information, sell, make deliveries of or accept deposits for future deliveries of goods, services, or information on or from an assigned State Fairgrounds commercial space during the period of the State Fair. Licenses will be granted in accordance with the Society's commercial space policy and rules, upon timely and proper application and showing of qualification, and if commercial space is available.
- I. Minnesota State Agricultural Society (Society): The public corporation and department of state charged with the responsibility for management and control of the State Fairgrounds and conducting the State Fair and other exhibitions on the State Fairgrounds.
- J. Personal property: All privately owned buildings, tents, booths, structures, improvements, business equipment, fixtures or other enclosures, whether portable or permanently affixed to State Fairgrounds property are personal property. A private party is precluded from holding any interest in real property on the State Fairgrounds.
- K. Secretary: The secretary of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society is also the executive vice president.
- L. State Fair: An annual exhibition conducted by the Society on the State Fairgrounds.
- M. State Fairgrounds: That certain area of land in Ramsey County, Minnesota defined and described in Minn. Stat. 37.01 and other real estate parcels as recorded with Ramsey County Register of Deeds, including the area outside as well as inside the fenced portion thereof.

**1.03 All pay gates**

Entry into the State Fair shall be solely contingent upon the presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers. Only properly identified emergency personnel, such as police, fire and ambulance, as well as properly identified Society service personnel, shall be exempted from this rule when engaged in legitimate emergency or service duty which requires passage through State Fairgrounds admission gates.

**1.04 Gate controls**

Admission gates and exhibit buildings of the State Fair will be open to visitors on days and during operating hours as set by the board of managers. Persons not involved in the preparation or teardown of exhibits for the State Fair may be prohibited from entering the State Fairgrounds during the preparation and teardown period. Gate admission fees will be charged during nighttime (non-operating) hours with the same fee schedule in effect as during day time (operating) hours. Persons entering the State Fairgrounds during non-operating hours, in addition to paying established gate fees, will be required to provide proof of their having business on the State Fairgrounds during said non-operating periods. License holders and their employees needing to enter or remain on the State Fairgrounds during the overnight period must first obtain an overnight badge from the appropriate Society department superintendent or division director. No badge will be issued without proper identification.

**1.05 Pass-out gates**

A pass-out system is operated during the State Fair at admission gates. Persons exiting through these gates may, upon request, obtain proper credentials for readmittance to the State Fairgrounds without additional charge. Readmittance will be honored the day of issuance only.

**1.06 Admission prices**

The board of managers shall annually review and establish gate admission prices for persons and vehicles including specific fee exemptions and discounts.

**1.07 Vehicle restrictions**

Maximum vehicle speed limits on the State Fairgrounds, as well as appropriate allowances and restrictions dealing with unnecessary acceleration, vehicle parking, delivery hours, restricted areas, tow-away zones and impound arrangements, shall be established by the secretary or delegate. The secretary or delegate shall provide for the placement of such traffic control signals, signs, and other traffic control devices on the State Fairgrounds as deemed necessary for the safety, protection and control of the State Fairgrounds and the people thereon. When any police officer or security person finds a vehicle illegally parked on the State Fairgrounds, they are authorized to issue a citation, or provide for the removal and impoundment of such vehicle, or both. Cost of removal and storage shall be borne by the vehicle's owner.

**1.08 Pedestrian right-of-way**

When walking on or about any street, sidewalk or other area generally open to the public on the State Fairgrounds, pedestrians shall at all times have the right-of-way as against all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles. Drivers of all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles, shall yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians on the State Fairgrounds.

**1.09 Two-wheeled and track-vehicles**

Two-wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters, will not be allowed on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair unless such two-wheeled vehicles are on display in a commercial space licensed by the Society and, in such case, said two-wheeled vehicles must be kept in the assigned commercial space and may not, under any circumstances, be operated on the streets of the State Fairgrounds. Electric personal assistive mobility devices may be used on the State Fairgrounds by person that are physically challenged. Track-type vehicles, including snowmobiles, may not be operated anywhere on the State Fairgrounds at any time of the year without the express authorization and approval of the secretary or delegate.

**1.10 Bannering, picketing, interfering**

No person or group of persons shall banner, picket, march, protest, demonstrate or caucus on the State Fairgrounds before or during the State Fair in any manner that interferes with the convenience and safety of any State Fair patron, exhibitor or employee.

**1.11 Handing out materials**

The sale, posting or distribution of any merchandise, products, promotional items and printed or written material except from a fixed location on the State Fairgrounds approved by the secretary or delegate shall be prohibited.

**1.12 Advertising vehicles**

The operation or parking of any sound truck or vehicle upon which advertising signs, political or otherwise, have been affixed in any manner shall be prohibited anywhere on the State Fairgrounds. This rule is not applicable to a lettered service vehicle advertising a firm or its products while making deliveries or to the normal advertising on bumpers and windows of motor vehicles.

**1.13 Conflict of interest**

No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall:

- A. Enter into a contract with the Society.
- B. Have or acquire any financial interest, whether direct or indirect, in any contract between the Society and any license holder, performer, vendor or contractor.
- C. Engage or participate in personal business or financial transactions that conflict with the interest of the Society or their obligations and interests as a member of the board of managers, officer or employee of the Society.
- D. Be entitled to any special consideration involving the storage of vehicles and materials on the State Fairgrounds or the use of Society buildings, machinery, or equipment, except as may be specifically approved by the board of managers.
- E. Be allowed to purchase any material for their personal use through the name, credit or account of the Society.

**1.14 Use of vehicles by Society employees**

All vehicles used by managers, officers or employees of the Society in connection with Society business shall:

- A. Be the property of the manager, officer or employee, with the Society to have no interest or obligation except as authorized by the board of managers and stated in the Society bulletin covering expense reimbursement; or
- B. Be used by the Society as part of a service contract, through rental or on a courtesy basis; or
- C. Be the sole property of the Society to be used only on Society business.

No vehicle shall be rented by the Society from any Society manager, officer or employee.

**1.15 Equal employment opportunities**

The following policies concerning fair and equal employment shall be followed by the Society:

- A. It shall be the policy of the Society to foster the employment of all individuals with the Society in accordance with their fullest capacity and ability, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, and to safeguard their right to hold employment with the Society without discrimination; and
- B. Every contract for or on behalf of the Society for materials, supplies, construction or licenses may be cancelled or terminated by the Society when discrimination on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, exists in the hiring or employment of common or skilled labor by the contractor pursuant to the contract for or on behalf of the Society.

**1.16 Acceptance of gift**

No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall accept from a person or company that does business with the Society, any gift, gratuity, cash, merchandise or thing of value. This prohibition shall extend to the acceptance of food or beverage or merchandise at less than full retail price from a license holder during the State Fair.

**1.17 Hiring of relatives**

No relative of a Society employee or a relative of a member of the board of managers shall be given preferential treatment in being hired or promoted. Relatives may be precluded from working in the same Society department.

**1.18 Dogs**

During the period of the annual State Fair, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed on the State Fairgrounds. There are two exceptions:

- (1) Certified Service animals or service animals in training.
- (2) Dogs or other pets may be allowed when part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No other exceptions will be allowed during the period of the State Fair.

During the non-fair period, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed in State Fair buildings, unless part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No dogs or other pets may be allowed on the State Fairgrounds at any time unless confined or restrained on a leash of less than six feet in length. During fair and non-fair periods, society personnel are empowered to order the removal from the State Fair any dog or pet in violation of the above, or found to be disturbing or endangering the public.

During the non-fair periods.

There is one exception:

- (1) Certified Service animals or service animals in training.

**1.19 Roller skates, in-line skates and skateboards**

Use of roller skates or in-line skates shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate. Use of skateboards shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds at any time except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

**1.20 Practice driving**

The State Fairgrounds may not be used by any person, organization or firm to conduct lessons for or to practice driving automobiles or other motor vehicles, unless such activity is covered under an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

**1.21 Use of metal detectors**

The use of metal detectors or similar devices shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. Any activity of discovery, whether undertaken with or without a detection device, which results in digging, probing or otherwise disturbing the ground, shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. This rule shall neither limit nor prohibit activities or the use of detection devices as may be directed by the secretary or delegate in the legitimate conduct of Society work.

## **CHAPTER THREE - COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS**

### **3.01 Competitive exhibition times**

Times for the setup of State Fair competitive exhibits, the dismantling and removal of exhibits and the hours of public viewing will be set annually by the secretary or delegate and will be stated in individual department premium books.

### **3.02 Responsibility for competitive exhibits**

The Society will use diligence to protect livestock and articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or caused by any animal or article on exhibition. It is the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor to obtain appropriate insurance for any damages due to or caused by the exhibit and to indemnify and hold the Society harmless against any claim arising out of incidents involving the exhibit. Removal or pickup of exhibits at established times as stated in individual department premium books, entry blanks or entry receipts, shall be the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor. The Society shall not be responsible for any exhibit not removed or picked up at established time and the secretary or delegate will dispose of all exhibits not removed or picked up within one year of such established time.

### **3.03 Board of Animal Health**

The exhibition of livestock on the State Fairgrounds shall be under the supervision of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and its applicable rules and regulations will be complied with in full. Health requirements for individual departments will be set forth in their respective premium books.

### **3.04 General competitive entry requirements**

Competitive exhibitors must file proper entry blanks with any applicable fees prior to the designated closing date for entries. The Society reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of animals or articles entered if the showing of such animals or articles is contrary to law, or violative of the Society's interest in providing for the health, safety and protection of its patrons. Exhibits entered in the wrong lot or category may be transferred prior to judging at the discretion of the department superintendent to the proper lot or category of competition. Deception of any type by an exhibitor, as determined by the department superintendent will ban the exhibitor from any further competition and result in the forfeiture of all premiums. Mechanical or artistic articles must be entered in the name of the artist, inventor, manufacturer or maker. No Society employee or department superintendent, or member of their family, shall be permitted, directly or indirectly, to make a competitive entry in any department over which that person has supervisory responsibility or in which that person is employed. No society officer or member of the Board of Managers, or member of their family, shall be permitted to make a competitive entry of any type in any department.

### **3.05 Animal competitive entry requirements**

When animals are entered for State Fair competition by an entity other than an individual, that entity (whether a corporation, partnership, breeding establishment or other) must have been in existence as of the closing date of entries. Appropriate documentation showing the status of the entity must be available for inspection by the department superintendent. All animals entered under a breed classification must be recorded in a breeding association recognized as representative of the particular breed. The competitive exhibitor must produce a certificate of registry at the request of the department superintendent. All animals shown must be owned by the competitive exhibitor from the time of making entry, except as otherwise provided in special rules of the department.

### **3.06 Judges**

Competent and qualified persons will be employed as judges by the Society to evaluate all competitive exhibits. Judges shall be responsible for reading and understanding the general rules and all special rules applicable to the department or class in which they are to serve. No person who is a competitive exhibitor may act as judge in a class in which they are competing.

### **3.07 Interference with judging**

Judges shall report to the department superintendent any competitive exhibitor who in any way, whether in person or by agent or employee, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The department superintendent may exclude any such competitive exhibitor from further competition. The secretary may withhold from such competitive exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and may also exclude such competitive exhibitor from further competition at the State Fair.

### **3.08 Award books**

Judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care to record the proper names in the award books after awards have been made. The judge, competitive department superintendent in charge and clerk recording the awards of the department must sign the award book at the close of each class immediately after all awards in such class have been made.

**3.09 Qualification of entries**

If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot or category, the judge or judges shall report same to the competitive department superintendent in charge for adjustment. Judges shall place a reserve award in each lot. Should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the animal or article awarded the next lower prize shall graduate into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judge, it is worthy of such prize. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving.

**3.10 Finality of decisions**

In judging livestock, the decision of the official State Fair veterinarian and judge as to soundness shall be final. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except when mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not known at the time of the award, is discovered. In such cases, the secretary shall take appropriate action or refer the matter to the board of managers.

**3.11 Interpretation of rules**

A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required, and when in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the competitive department superintendent in charge shall interpret such a rule. This interpretation when requested by either a competitive exhibitor or judge must be reduced to writing and returned to the secretary or delegate with the award books.

**3.12 Protests**

A protest from the decision of a judge will only be accepted from a competitive exhibitor named in the official judge's sheet for competition in the lot or class under protest, and must be filed with the secretary within five hours after the award has been made. An award is deemed to have been made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered into the department award book. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of one hundred dollars. The protest must state plainly and specifically the facts upon which the complaint or appeal is based. The right to appeal will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another person. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have over-looked an animal or article will be considered. The one hundred dollar deposit will be returned only if the protest or appeal is upheld. In protest and appeal instances where rules established by a breed association or other competitive organization with which the Society has an agreement differ from this rule, rules of the association or organization shall govern.

**3.13 Late showing of exhibit**

No animal or exhibit will be judged or awarded a prize if it is not ready for judging and promptly brought into the show ring when the lot is called.

**3.14 Premium money**

Cash premiums awarded will be paid by check made out to the competitive exhibitor and mailed to the post office address as stated on the entry blank. Competitive exhibitors may forfeit all premium money if exhibits are removed from the grounds prior to the official time of release. The board of managers reserves the right to make reductions in premiums if the financial conditions of the Society make such reductions necessary.

# DIVISION OF FRUITS AND WINE

Superintendent .....Louis N. Quast, St Louis Park  
Board Liaison.....Joe Scapanski, Sauk Rapids  
Amount offered by Minnesota State Fair .....\$1,500

## DIVISION RULES

1. **ENTRY INFORMATION: ADVANCE ENTRY REQUIRED.** All entry forms must be either postmarked with official USPS postmark or submitted on-line by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13.** Only pre-registered entries will be accepted. Enter only those lots for which you are eligible according to your exhibitor status. **There is no fee for entering the amateur competition.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Department and the Division Superintendent.
  - A. **ON-LINE REGISTRATION. Begins May 1; closes at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13.** The entire process must be completed by **4:30 p.m.**, or your entries will not be registered. Tags will be mailed to you or will be available when your entries are delivered. Follow the procedure below:
    - 1) Visit the Minnesota State Fair website at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org). Click on "Competitions & Contests" choose "Enter a Competition" and select "Ag-Hort-Bee" from the list that appears.
    - 2) Create an account using your email address. You may set up one account for all the individuals you wish to register. You do not have to create a separate account for each individual. Once you have created your account, you may log in and out as often as you need to complete or make changes to your exhibitors or their entries.
    - 3) Once you are satisfied with your exhibitors and their entries and **before the above deadline**, proceed to check out and hit the "**Confirm Registration**" button for each exhibitor.
    - 4) You are no longer able to edit exhibitors and entries for which you have hit "Confirm Registration". However, you may still log in using your same email address and password to add new exhibitors, view existing entries or add new entries until the entry deadline above. But remember, you **MUST** proceed to check out and hit "Confirm Registration" every time you add new exhibitors or entries to your cart.
    - 5) Every time you hit "Confirm Registration" you will received e-mail confirmation for that exhibitor and their entries. Print a copy of each registration confirmation. **If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours of submission, please call (651) 288-4417 immediately to confirm.**
    - 6) ***Exhibitors must bring their registration confirmation email with their entries.***
  - B. **MANUAL REGISTRATION.** Completed registrations may be mailed or brought in to the Competition Office on or before the entry deadline, **4:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 13.** Printed entry forms may be obtained from the Competition Department by calling (651) 288-4417 or [competition@mnstatefair.org](mailto:competition@mnstatefair.org) or download from our website [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org). Tags will be mailed to you after your entry has been processed.
2. **Special Notice.** All exhibits, unless specifically exempted in the special rules of the class, must have been grown by the exhibitor. Only one entry will be permitted in a lot by one exhibitor. One member only from any family or household may make entry in any lot.
3. The Superintendent, Fruits Division, shall have the power to determine, either at the time entry is made or at the time the exhibit is staged, as to the eligibility of the entrant, and the superintendent shall have the power to bar any entrant from showing if in his best judgment the entrant is ineligible.
4. Professionals will not be permitted to show in the Amateur classes. The following definitions shall govern to differentiate between Amateur and Professional exhibitors:
  - A. **Amateur.** Persons who grow horticultural products for pleasure and personal use, possibly sell small quantities and who are in no way, directly or indirectly, currently connected with the production or handling of horticultural products commercially. For the purposes of the wine competition, persons who make small quantities of wine for their consumption are not required to be licensed by the Federal TTB.
  - B. **Professional.** For the purposes of this competition, all other individuals shall be considered professional, regardless of whether horticulture is their principle business. Exhibitors who are deemed professional by these criteria are ineligible to exhibit in Amateur classes.

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## CLASS 136 - FRUITS, AMATEUR SPECIAL RULES

1. All division rules apply. Follow instructions at head of the division (see above).
2. Entries in this division are limited to residents of Minnesota, and all articles competing for premiums must have been grown within the state or made from Minnesota products and by the persons in whose name they are entered, unless otherwise noted in rules or classification.
3. Only one entry will be permitted in a lot by one exhibitor. One member only from any family, household or firm may make entry in any lot.
4. **Amateur Exhibits.** Must be in place in the Ag-Hort building between **10 a.m. -6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22,** and will be judged later that same evening. Do not bring exhibit before above day and time, except by special arrangement with the superintendent.
5. All exhibits will be placed under the direction of the superintendent, provided same are received by him at

the Ag-Hort building prior to the time named for exhibits to be in place, and only then if proper entries have previously been made with the Competition Department.

6. **Plates.** A plate of apples or pears must consist of exactly six (6) specimens; grapes, three (3) bunches; crabapples, plums and cherry plums, ten (10) specimens. Not more than one plate of any one variety will be permitted in a collection, nor can fruit of any one variety be shown under synonymous names.
7. **Labels.** Each variety must be correctly labeled with its name, or, if an unnamed seedling, it must be so stated. Every plate or tray must be identified by lot number, entry number, and variety. In the case of a multiple plate or multiple tray entry, each plate or tray must be labeled with lot number, entry number, and the specific variety displayed in that plate or tray. Identifying tags will be provided for exhibitor use in the Ag-Hort Building on Aug. 22.
8. **Replacing.** Exhibitors may replace with fresh fruit any specimen that shows a tendency to spot or decay at any time during the fair, except when the judge is working upon the class to which it belongs.
9. **Inferior Specimens.** Decayed, injured or inferior specimens must not be exhibited, and when such specimens appear in a collection, they will not be counted and the entire exhibit will be disqualified for judging.
10. **Deciding Awards.** The judges may, at their discretion, withhold awards from any exhibit which they consider to be unworthy of a prize.
11. Exhibitors wishing to retain exhibits must make arrangements with superintendent at the time the fruit is delivered for competition, and exhibits must be called for between 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Labor Day. Unclaimed specimens will be discarded or donated to a local charity, if they are determined fit for such use.

The following scorecards will assist the exhibitors in staging their exhibits. They will be used by the judges in making their awards whenever convenient and practicable.

<b>Scorecard - Plates</b>	
Size .....	15
Color.....	20
Trueness to variety .....	10
Condition .....	30
Uniformity .....	25
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>100</u>

<b>Scorecard - Collections</b>	
Size .....	15
Color.....	20
Trueness to variety .....	10
Condition .....	30
Uniformity .....	15
Importance .....	10
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>100</u>

Under size, color, form and condition, respectively, are also considered uniformity and conformity to a desirable type for the variety. Overgrown specimens are not desirable. In picking the fruit, care must be taken not to break out the stems. Select specimens normal in size, color and condition. All blemished fruits are discounted by the judges. Handle the specimens carefully. Fruit which is to be shipped any distance should be well wrapped with regular wrapping tissue or newspaper, and packed firmly in a suitable strong container. Loosely packed fruit will bruise in shipping.

**APPLES - Single plate (6 specimens)**

<u>Lot</u>					
<b>695</b>	Beacon	<b>705</b>	McIntosh		
<b>696</b>	Connell Red	<b>706</b>	Minjon		
<b>697</b>	Cortland	<b>707</b>	Northwestern Greening		
<b>698</b>	Delicious (or red sports)	<b>708</b>	Oriole		
<b>699</b>	Fireside	<b>709</b>	Prairie Spy		
<b>700</b>	Golden Delicious	<b>710</b>	Red Baron		
<b>701</b>	Haral Red	<b>711</b>	Regent		
<b>702</b>	Haralson	<b>712</b>	State Fair		
<b>703</b>	Honey Crisp	<b>713</b>	Wealthy		
<b>704</b>	Honeygold	<b>714</b>	Any other variety (specify name)		
Premiums.....			\$15	\$10	\$8 \$5

**PLUMS - Single plate (10 specimens)**

<u>Lot</u>					
<b>720</b>	Alderman	<b>725</b>	Underwood		
<b>721</b>	Mount Royal	<b>726</b>	La Crescent		
<b>722</b>	Pipestone	<b>727</b>	Red Glow		
<b>723</b>	Superior	<b>728</b>	Any other variety (specify name)		
<b>724</b>	Toka				
Premiums.....			\$15	\$10	\$8 \$5

**CHERRY PLUMS - Single plate (10 specimens)**

Lot

730	Compass				
732	Oka, Sapa or Sapalta				
733	Any other variety (specify name)				
Premiums.....					\$15 \$10 \$8 \$5

**PEARS - Single plate (6 specimens)**

Lot

734	Parker/Flemish Beauty	737	Summer Crisp		
735	Patten	738	Any other variety (specify name)		
736	Seckal				
Premiums.....					\$15 \$10 \$8 \$5

**CRAB APPLES - Single plate (10 specimens)**

Lot

739	Centennial	744	Whitney		
740	Chestnut	745	Any other variety (specify name)		
741	Dolgo				
Premiums.....					\$15 \$10 \$8 \$5

**GRAPES - Single plate (3 bunches)**

Lot

746	Bluebell	758	Marquette		
747	Brianna	759	Prairie Star		
748	Concord	760	St. Croix		
749	Edelweiss	761	St. Pepin		
750	Frontenac	762	Sabrevoix		
751	Frontenac Blanc	763	Swenson Red		
752	Frontenac Gris	764	Any vinifera variety (specify name)		
753	Jukka	765	Any seedless variety (specify name)		
754	La Crescent	766	Any other Labrusca variety (Concord-type, specify name)		
755	La Crosse	767	Any other Muscat variety (Osceola, Muscat, Petit Amie, etc.)		
756	Leon Millot or Marechal Foch	768	Any other hybrid red wine variety		
757	Louise Swenson	769	Any other hybrid white wine variety		
Premiums.....					\$15 \$10 \$8 \$5

**OTHER FRUIT**

Lot

770	Reliance Peach, single plate (6 specimens)				
771	Any other Peach, single plate (6 specimens)				
772	Meteor Cherry (one pint)				
773	Any other fruit; grown in Minnesota. Must be fresh and in good condition. If there are multiple entries of a particular fruit for several successive years, it will be added as a permanent classification to the competition.				
Premiums.....					\$15 \$10 \$8 \$5

**AMATEUR FRUIT COLLECTION - Six Plates**

Lot

780	Each plate shall be of a different variety, with no more than two (2) plates from any one category of fruit. Each plate must be identified by entry number, lot and variety.				
	Apples	Crab Apples	Pears		
	Cherry Plums	Plums	Grapes		
	Any other fruit				
Premiums.....					\$25 \$20 \$15 \$10

**SWEEPSTAKES - AMATEUR FRUIT**

Sweepstakes points will be credited to exhibitors of fruits in class 136 on the following basis:

First in any lot .....	6 points
Second in any lot .....	3 points
Third in any lot .....	1 point

Lot

781	Sweepstakes .....	\$35 \$30 \$20 \$17 \$15
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To the five exhibitors amassing the five highest totals of sweepstakes points. Sweepstakes ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded amateur winners. A trophy will be awarded to the sweepstakes winner.

**MINNESOTA GRAPE GROWERS ASSOCIATION (MGGA)  
2012 SPECIAL FRESH GRAPE COMPETITION**

**Lot****782 Heaviest Cluster**

In order to encourage excellence in growing grapes for fresh consumption, and the exploration of cultural techniques for enhancing quality, the MGGA has decided to sponsor an additional section of the State Fair's fresh grape competition. Growers are encouraged to learn about and explore various standard techniques for manipulating grapes and improving their quality for fresh eating. These include cluster and berry thinning, cane girdling, and gibberellic acid treatments (in seedless varieties). These techniques can have dramatic effects on **1) cluster size and weight and 2) attractiveness of the cluster.** The MGGA has available both written and video materials describing these techniques. A \$25 cash award will be made to the winner. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three (3) places.

**RULES**

1. Each entry shall consist of a single grape cluster. This cluster may not be entered in any other lot.
2. Condition of the fruit will not be specific evaluation criterion. However, only fruit in excellent condition (free of fungus and insect damage) will be accepted.
3. Entries in lot 782, Heaviest Cluster, shall be scored on their weight, with the heaviest cluster awarded first place, etc.
4. NOTE: Entries in the MGGA Special Category do not count in sweepstakes award computations. (See lot 781.)
5. This competition is open to both amateur and professional growers.

**CLASS 137 - AMATEUR WINE SHOW****CLASS RULES**

1. **All division rules apply.** Follow instructions at the head of the division (see page 47). Special note of classifications of amateur and professional should be made.
2. Entries are limited to residents of Minnesota. Only one entry permitted in a lot by an amateur exhibitor. One member only from any family or household may make entry in any lot.
3. Wines entered in standard clear or colored glass bottles are preferred but wine bottled in other glass beverage bottles 25-34 oz. is acceptable. One bottle per lot is sufficient. All wine will be disposed of by the superintendent because of spoilage during the display. All bottles will be disposed of by superintendent unless prior arrangements are made with the Competition Department at the time entry is submitted. Exhibitors wishing to retain entered bottles must mark **SAVE on the back of the entry tag on each bottle.**
4. Labels on bottles will be covered by the superintendent by wrapping with paper during judging, but will be uncovered afterwards for display. Labels should contain winemaker's name, address, type of wine, vintage year and be about 3" x 5".
5. Entry tags. Entry tags must be tied around the neck of bottles. Tags will be sent to exhibitors after the initial entry and must be filled out and attached to the bottle. Each bottle must have a tag showing CLASS, LOT, and ENTRY NUMBER.
6. Entries must be brought to the Ag-Hort Building between 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22. Only registered entries will be accepted. If you are unable to deliver your exhibits on Wednesday, they should be delivered to the Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair, 1312 Cosgrove Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55108 between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, **prior to that date.** Judging will be Thursday, Aug. 23. The Superintendent of the Fruits Division shall have the power to determine, either at the time entry is made or at the time the exhibit is staged, as to the eligibility of the entrant. The superintendent shall have the power to bar any entrant from showing if in his judgment the entrant is ineligible.

**AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION****Lot**

- 1 Red grape table wine, from 100% Minnesota grown grapes
- 2 Red grape table wine, any other source
- 3 White grape table wine, from 100% Minnesota grown grapes
- 4 White grape table wine, any other source
- 5 Rosé grape table wine, from 100% Minnesota grown grapes
- 6 Rosé grape table wine, any other source
- 7 Labrusca (Concord-type, any color) table wine
- 8 Any other grape wine (eg. Riparia)
- 9 Sparkling wine, 100% Minnesota fruit

- 10 Sparkling wine, any other source
- 11 Rhubarb wine
- 12 Apple wine
- 13 Elderberry wine
- 14 Chokecherry wine
- 15 Raspberry wine
- 16 Plum wine
- 17 Cherry wine
- 18 Any other berry wine
- 19 Dessert wine
- 20 Port wine
- 21 Any other fortified wine
- 22 Any other wine (dandelion, corn, etc.)

Premiums .....\$15 \$12 \$10 \$8 \$5  
 Ribbons through 5 places

**SWEEPSTAKES - WINE**

Sweepstakes points will be credited to exhibitors on the following basis:

- First in any lot .....4 points
- Second in any lot .....2 points
- Third in any lot .....1 point

**Lot**

23 Sweepstakes .....Tray  
 To the exhibitor amassing the highest points



**INTERNATIONAL COLD-CLIMATE WINE COMPETITION**

In order to encourage greater exploration of wine making styles and techniques using cold-hardy grape cultivars, for the past three years the Minnesota State Fair has cooperated with the International Cold-Climate Wine Competition sponsored by with the Minnesota Grape Growers Association and the University of Minnesota. This year the competition will be hosted by those organizations, and winners will again be displayed at the Minnesota State Fair. For additional information please go to: [www.ICCWC.org](http://www.ICCWC.org)

Note: Please contact the Minnesota Grape Growers Association or log on to the ICCWC website for more information, NOT the Minnesota State Fair.