

**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

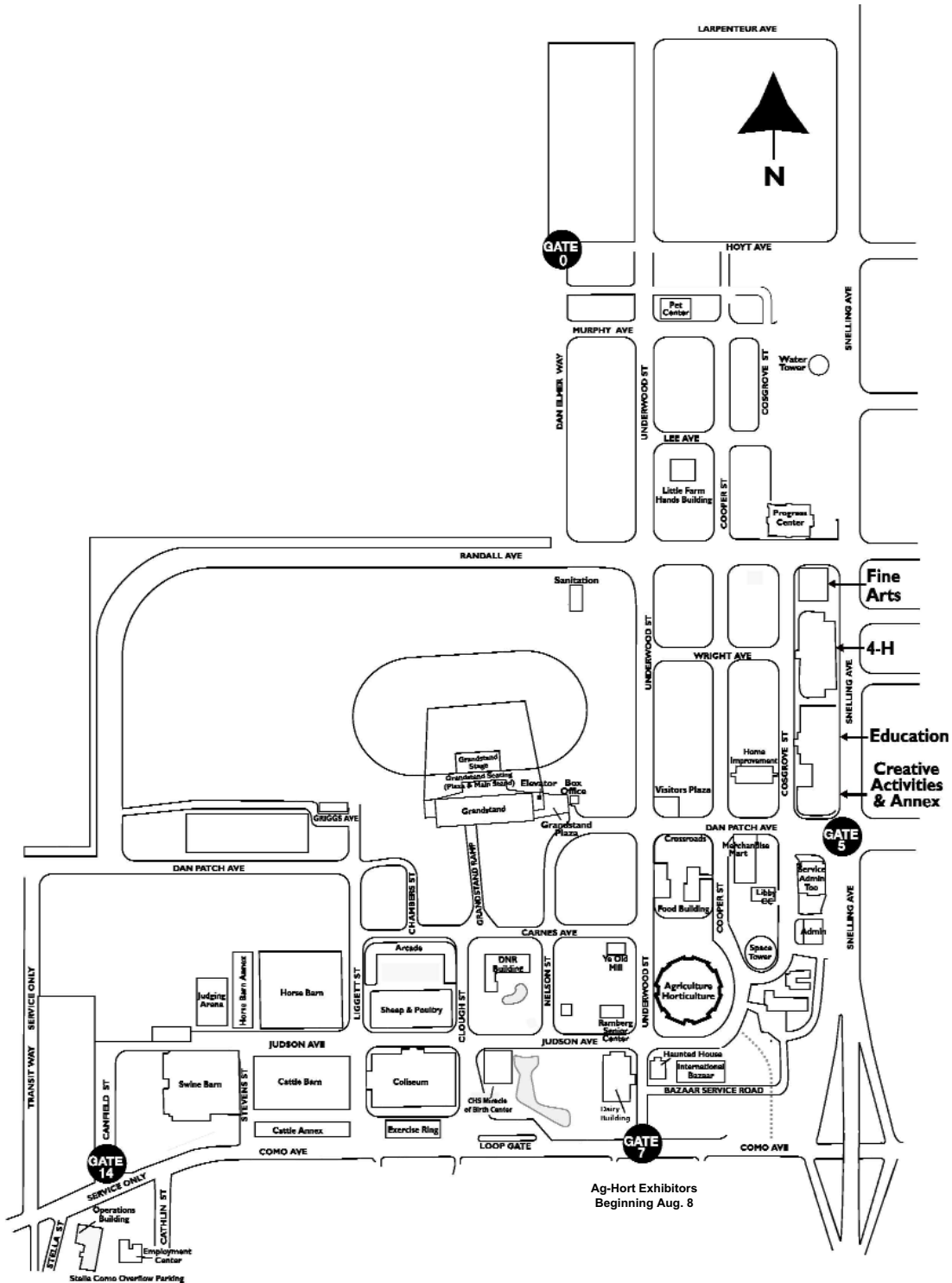
Online registration! Registration for entries is available online at the Minnesota State Fair website, [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org) for all divisions except Farm Crops, classes 103-111. See instructions at the beginning of each division.

### 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.

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**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 VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

Superintendent .....Phil Klint, Minneapolis  
 Board Liaison.....Joe Scapanski, Sauk Rapids  
 Amount offered.....\$5,040

### 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. **There is no fee for entering.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Department and the Division Superintendent.
  - A. **ON-LINE REGISTRATION. Begins Tuesday 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" and choose "Enter a Competition" then select "Ag-Hort-Bee" from the list that appears.
    - 2) Create an account using your email address. You may setup 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.
    - 5) Every time you hit "Confirm Registration" you will receive email 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 USPS postmarked or brought in to the Competition Office on or before the entry deadline, **4:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 13.** Official 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. **Exhibits.** Potatoes must be in place and ready for judging by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23. Vegetables must be in place in the Ag-Hort building on the days and hours noted in each class. **Vegetable exhibitors should come in the South Underwood gate.** All vegetable and potato exhibitors will receive a dated Ag-Hort vehicle sticker which should be firmly attached to the inside of their vehicle's windshield. This sticker is needed for access to the South Underwood gate (Gate 7) and to the Ag-Hort parking lot.
3. All exhibits shall remain in place until 8 p.m., Labor Day, except in Vegetable Groups One, Two and Three. After 8 p.m., Labor Day, admission will not be charged for exhibitors coming in the South Underwood gate (Gate 7) to remove exhibits.
4. There will be no sale of vegetables at the close of the fair. For food safety reasons, all potatoes, vegetables (lots 500-841), and Home Garden Collections (lots 950-953) will be disposed of in a compost recycling bin. All other exhibits, including largest squash or pumpkin, decorated pumpkins and squash, and container vegetable plants for patio must be picked up by between the hours of 8-10 p.m. Labor Day evening, unless prior written arrangements have been made with the superintendent.

### CLASS 142 - POTATOES

#### CLASS RULES

1. Special Rules at head of the division apply.
2. Entries are limited to residents of Minnesota. All potatoes must have been grown in Minnesota by the exhibitor. Potatoes should be fresh and not previously shown at local fairs or shows.
3. Premiums will not be awarded to inferior collections or specimens, even if there is no competition.
4. All exhibits will be staged under the direction of the superintendent. No exhibitor shall change or alter his exhibit after the hour designated for the exhibit to be in place, until after same has been judged.
5. All express shipments should be prepaid and addressed to: Superintendent Vegetable-Potato Division, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul MN 55108. Exhibits sent to the department by mail, express, or representative of the exhibitor, must be clearly labeled with name of owner-exhibitor and variety.
6. Tubers should be clean and attractive, uniform in size and shape, free from blemishes and diseases, and true to variety name. Diseased potatoes will be disqualified and not shown. Any exhibit with a variety mixture will be disqualified.
7. Labeling. Each variety must be correctly labeled with its name. Potatoes entered "Any other white", "Any other red" and "Any other russet" must be labeled as to variety. Labels and pins of a uniform size for this purpose will be furnished by this department and must be used by the exhibitor.

**POTATOES**

**Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23**

**Lot Whites**

- 11 Atlantic (10)
- 12 Superior (10)
- 13 Yukon Gold (10)
- 14 Shepody (10)
- 15 Any other white (10)

**Lot Russets**

- 21 Burbank (10)
- 22 Norkota (10)
- 23 Ranger (10)
- 24 Bannock (10)
- 25 Any other russet (10)

**Lot Reds**

- 31 Norland (10)
- 32 Viking (10)
- 33 Pontiac (10)
- 34 LaSoda (10)
- 35 Any other red (10)

**Lots Other**

- 41 Any finger potato (20)
- 42 Any colored potato (10)

Ten (10) specimens required for each lot, except lot 41, Finger, requires twenty (20).

Premiums.....\$15 \$12 \$10 \$8

**SWEEPSTAKES - POTATOES CLASS 142**

**Lot**

- 45 Sweepstakes, Grand and Reserve Champion Potato.....\$25 \$20 & Ribbons

**CLASS 143 - VEGETABLE CROPS**

**CLASS RULES**

1. See Division Rules at head of the division.
2. Entries are limited to amateur gardeners who are residents of Minnesota. Amateur gardeners are persons who, at the discretion of the superintendent, grow vegetables for pleasure and personal use. People whose principal business is growing or selling horticultural products for profit are ineligible to compete in this division.
3. **Special Notice.** All exhibits **MUST** be this year's crop and 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 an entry in any lot. If there is a specific variety class, that vegetable cannot be entered in any other lot.
4. **Labeling.** It is required that every SAMPLE (not every specimen) of vegetables entered in the following groups and lots be labeled as to variety. Labels, pins and containers of a uniform size will be furnished by this department and must be used by the exhibitor.

Premium allocations for Vegetables:

<b>Group One .....500-543</b>	<b>Group Three .....700-735</b>
<b>Group Two .....600-639</b>	<b>Group Four .....800-841</b>

Premiums.....\$6 \$5 \$4 \$3

Ribbons will be awarded for four (4) places in each lot.

**Score Criteria - Vegetable Crops Lots 500-841**

True to variety class .....	25
Proper Maturity .....	25
Quality .....	25
Uniformity - size, shape, color.....	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**VEGETABLES GROUP ONE**

**Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23**

**Lot**

- 500 Beans, green, filet type, 6 1/2" or less in length, 25 pods
- 501 Beans, green, 25 pods
- 502 Beans, wax, 25 pods
- 503 Beans, lima, 25 pods
- 504 Beans, purple, 25 pods
- 505 Beans, shell, in pods, fresh, 25 pods
- 506 Beans, shell, in pods, dry, 25 pods
- 507 Beans, Romano, 25 pods
- 508 Beets, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", 3" or less, 6 specimens
- 509 Carrots, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", over 4 1/2", 6 specimens
- 510 Carrots, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", 4 1/2" or smaller, 6 specimens

- 511 Eggplant, any variety, 3 specimens
- 512 Ground cherries, in husks, 25 specimens
- 513 Gourds, 8 different specimens
- 514 Leeks, with tops, 6 specimens
- 515 Muskmelon, oval or round, 3 specimens
- 516 Summer squash, green zucchini type, 6 specimens
- 517 Summer squash, yellow zucchini type, 6 specimens
- 518 Summer squash, bush scallop type, 5" max. diameter, 6 specimens
- 519 Summer squash, golden straightneck, 6 specimens
- 520 Summer squash, golden crookneck, 6 specimens
- 521 Winter squash, Green Hubbard, 3 specimens
- 522 Winter squash, Blue Hubbard, 3 specimens
- 523 Winter squash, Golden Hubbard, 3 specimens
- 524 Winter squash, Buttercup, 3 specimens
- 525 Winter squash, Turban, 3 specimens
- 526 Winter squash, Butternut, 3 specimens
- 527 Winter squash, Acorn type, 3 specimens
- 528 Winter squash, Banana, 3 specimens
- 529 Winter squash, Spaghetti, 3 specimens
- 530 Winter squash, any other named variety, 3 specimens
- 531 Tomatoes, large red, 2 3/4" or larger, stems off, 6 specimens
- 532 Tomatoes, small round red, 1 1/2"-2 1/4", stems off, 12 specimens
- 533 Tomatoes, large yellow, round, 2" or larger, 1 variety, stems off, 6 specimens
- 534 Tomatoes, paste, stems off, 6 specimens
- 535 Tomatoes, small pear, red or yellow, stems off, 25 specimens
- 536 Tomatoes, grape, stems off, 25 specimens
- 537 Tomatoes, cherry, 1 1/4" and smaller, stems off, 25 specimens
- 538 Tomatoes, red or yellow plum, stems off, 25 specimens
- 539 Tomatoes, heirloom type, stems off, open pollinated, 2" or larger, 6 specimens
- 540 Tomatillo, husks on and open, 12 specimens
- 541 Pumpkins, small pie type, 3 specimens
- 542 Pumpkins, large field type, 3 specimens
- 543 Pumpkins, miniature, 4" or smaller, 6 specimens

**VEGETABLES GROUP TWO**

**Staged by 9 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 26**

**Lot**

- 600 Cabbage, flat, green, any variety, 3 specimens
- 601 Cabbage, round, green, any variety, 3 specimens
- 602 Cabbage, pointed, green, any variety, 3 specimens
- 603 Cabbage, red, any variety, 3 specimens
- 604 Cabbage, savoy, any variety, 3 specimens
- 605 Cabbage, Chinese, 3 specimens
- 606 Cauliflower, 3 specimens
- 607 Cucumbers, slicing, 6" and larger, 6 specimens
- 608 Cucumbers, pickling, 4-5", 12 specimens
- 609 Cucumbers, pickling, 2-3", 12 specimens
- 610 Cucumbers, English type, burpless, 6 specimens
- 611 Cucumbers, lemon type, 6 specimens
- 612 Cucumbers, any other type, 6 specimens
- 613 Garlic, without tops, 6 specimens, cured
- 614 Kohlrabi, green, 6 specimens
- 615 Kohlrabi, purple, 6 specimens
- 616 Onions, red globe, 1-2" stem, cured, 6 specimens
- 617 Onions, white globe, 1-2" stem, cured, 6 specimens
- 618 Onions, yellow globe, 1-2" stem, cured, 6 specimens
- 619 Onions, red flat, 1-2" stem, cured, 6 specimens
- 620 Onions, white flat, 1-2" stem, cured, 6 specimens
- 621 Onions, yellow flat, 1-2" stem, cured, 6 specimens
- 622 Onions, small pickling, 1-2" stem, any type or variety, cured, 25 specimens
- 623 Peppers, large sweet, green, bell type, 6 specimens
- 624 Peppers, large sweet, any color, bell type, 6 specimens
- 625 Peppers, poblano, 6 specimens
- 626 Peppers, sweet, cubanelle type, 6 specimens
- 627 Peppers, pimento type (heart shaped), 6 specimens

- 628 Peppers, tomato type, 6 specimens
- 629 Peppers, small cherry type, 12 specimens
- 630 Peppers, mini bells, 12 specimens
- 631 Peppers, hot Anaheim chile type, 6 specimens
- 632 Peppers, jalapeño type, 12 specimens
- 633 Peppers, long cayenne type, 12 specimens
- 634 Peppers, Hungarian wax type, or banana, sweet or hot, 6 specimens
- 635 Peppers, small hot, 12 specimens
- 636 Peppers, Thai, 25 specimens
- 637 Peppers, habanero or scotch bonnet, 12 specimens
- 638 Peppers, serrano type, 12 specimens
- 639 Broccoli, 3 specimens

### VEGETABLES GROUP THREE

Staged by 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29

**Lot**

- 700 Beans, green, filet type, 6 1/2" or less in length, 25 pods
- 701 Beans, green, 25 pods
- 702 Beans, wax, 25 pods
- 703 Beans, lima, 25 pods
- 704 Beans, purple, 25 pods
- 705 Beans, shell, in pods, fresh, 25 pods
- 706 Beans, shell, in pods, dry, 25 pods
- 707 Beans, Romano, 25 pods
- 708 Beets, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", 3" or less, 6 specimens
- 709 Carrots, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", over 4 1/2", 6 specimens
- 710 Carrots, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", 4 1/2" or less, 6 specimens
- 711 Celeriac, with tops, 6 specimens
- 712 Sweet corn, fresh with husks, 6 ears
- 713 Eggplant, any variety, 3 specimens
- 714 Hamburg parsley, with tops, 6 specimens
- 715 Leeks, with tops, 6 specimens
- 716 Muskmelon, oval or round, 3 specimens
- 717 Okra, 4" or less, 12 specimens
- 718 Parsnips, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", 6 specimens
- 719 Salsify, 1 variety, tops trimmed to 1-2", 6 specimens
- 720 Summer squash, green zucchini type, 6 specimens
- 721 Summer squash, yellow zucchini type, 6 specimens
- 722 Summer squash, bush scallop type, 5" maximum diameter, 6 specimens
- 723 Summer squash, golden straightneck, 6 specimens
- 724 Summer squash, golden crookneck, 6 specimens
- 725 Tomatoes, large red, 1 variety, 2 3/4" or larger, stems off, 6 specimens
- 726 Tomatoes, small round red, 1 1/2-2 1/4", stems off, 12 specimens
- 727 Tomatoes, yellow, round, 1 variety, 2" or larger, stems off, 6 specimens
- 728 Tomatoes, paste, stems off, 6 specimens
- 729 Tomatoes, small pear, red or yellow, stems off, 25 specimens
- 730 Tomatoes, cherry, 1 1/4" and smaller, stems off, 25 specimens
- 731 Tomatoes, red or yellow plum, stems off, 25 specimens
- 732 Tomatoes, heirloom type, open pollinated, 2" and larger, 6 specimens
- 733 Tomatoes, grape, stems off, 25 specimens
- 734 Tomatillo, husks on and open, 12 specimens
- 735 Cow peas, 25 specimens

### VEGETABLES GROUP FOUR

Staged by 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1

**Lot**

- 800 Cabbage, flat, green, any variety, 3 specimens
- 801 Cabbage, round, green, any variety, 3 specimens
- 802 Cabbage, pointed, green, any variety, 3 specimens
- 803 Cabbage, red, any variety, 3 specimens
- 804 Cabbage, savoy, any variety, 3 specimens
- 805 Cabbage, Chinese, any variety, 3 specimens
- 806 Cucumbers, slicing, 6" and larger, 6 specimens
- 807 Cucumbers, pickling, 4-5", 12 specimens

- 808 Cucumbers, pickling, 2-3", 12 specimens
- 809 Cucumbers, English type, burpless, 6 specimens
- 810 Cucumbers, lemon type, 6 specimens
- 811 Cucumbers, any other type, 6 specimens
- 812 Kale, 3 specimens
- 813 Kohlrabi, green, 6 specimens
- 814 Kohlrabi, purple, 6 specimens
- 816 Brussels sprouts, 12-14" stalk, 1 specimen
- 817 Celery, with tops, 3 specimens
- 818 Citron, 3 specimens
- 819 Peppers, large sweet, green, bell type, 6 specimens
- 820 Peppers, large sweet, any other color, bell type, 6 specimens
- 821 Peppers, poblano, 6 specimens
- 822 Peppers, sweet, cubanelle type, 6 specimens
- 823 Peppers, pimento type (heart shaped), 6 specimens
- 824 Peppers, tomato type, 6 specimens
- 825 Peppers, small cherry type, 12 specimens
- 826 Peppers, hot Anaheim chile type, 6 specimens
- 827 Peppers, jalapeño type, 12 specimens
- 828 Peppers, long cayenne type, 12 specimens
- 829 Peppers, Hungarian wax type, or banana, sweet or hot, 6 specimens
- 830 Peppers, small hot, 12 specimens
- 831 Peppers, Thai, 25 specimens
- 832 Peppers, habanero or scotch bonnet, 12 specimens
- 833 Peppers, mini-bells, 12 specimens
- 834 Peppers, serrano type, 12 specimens
- 835 Radish, winter type, tops trimmed, 1-2", 6 specimens
- 836 Rutabaga, 3 specimens
- 837 Sweet potatoes, 6 specimens
- 838 Turnips, tops trimmed, 1-2", 6 specimens
- 839 Watermelons, round, 3 specimens
- 840 Watermelons, long, 3 specimens
- 841 Horse radish, tops trimmed, 1-2", 2 specimens

**SWEEPSTAKES - VEGETABLE CROPS**

Sweepstakes points will be credited to exhibitors of Vegetables in Groups One through Four (lots 500-841) on the following basis:

- First in any lot .....3 points
- Second in any lot .....2 points
- Third in any lot .....1 point

<u>Lot</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
<b>900</b> Sweepstakes, Vegetable Crops .....	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	Ribbon

Awarded to the four (4) exhibitors amassing the most points. Special Award Ribbons may be given at judge's discretion. A sweepstakes tray and rosette ribbon will be awarded to the exhibitor amassing the highest total number of points.

**LARGEST VEGETABLE OR POTATO**  
**Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23**

Size of each specimen will be determined by measuring once around the specimen from stem to blossom end and once around its midsection. The sum total of inches of these two measurements will be considered the total score for each specimen. The longest vegetables will be measured by a straight line from the blossom to stem end. In case of a tie, the heavier specimen will be awarded the prize. All specimens must be weighed prior to showing and the weight and variety must be indicated on the entry tag and attached to the specimen.

<u>Lot</u>	
<b>920</b> Largest pumpkin (c. pepo) .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>921</b> Largest squash (other than banana or scalloped) .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>922</b> Largest banana squash .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>923</b> Largest scalloped squash .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>924</b> Largest tomato .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>925</b> Largest watermelon .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>926</b> Largest zucchini .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>927</b> Largest cabbage .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>928</b> Longest green bean .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>929</b> Largest potato .....	\$10 and ribbon
<b>930</b> Largest sunflower head (circumference).....	\$10 and ribbon



**THE GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST**

ValleySCARE featuring the Halloween Haunt and Planet Spooky is this year’s sponsor of the “The Giant Pumpkin Contest” at the 2012 Minnesota State Fair. Valleyfair is located 25 minutes southwest of the Twin Cities on County Road 101, just east of Shakopee, MN.

The Halloween Haunt at ValleySCARE is the most extreme Halloween attraction in the upper Midwest. At night, a world of terrifying mazes and scare zones will bring fears and phobias to life. During the daytime, join Snoopy and the PEANUTS gang at Planet Spooky for non-scary Halloween activities and attractions suitable for any age. ValleySCARE is open weekends, September 22 – October 28. For the most up-to-date information, please visit ValleySCARE.com.

Ribbons will be awarded through eighth place in both divisions. In addition to prize money and ribbons, each winner will receive two (2) admission tickets to ValleySCARE featuring Halloween Haunt and Planet Spooky.

Entrants will follow all the general rules of the vegetable division regarding entry and delivery dates. **PLEASE NOTE - Pumpkins to have an estimated weight of over 200 lbs. must be delivered on Wednesday, Aug. 22 between noon and 8 p.m.** The largest pumpkin in lots 931 and 932 will be determined by weight. The first place winners in lots 931 and 932 become the property of The Haunt at Valleyfair, and may be displayed at their park.

A total of \$1,000 in prize money will be divided into the following two categories; adult entry and youth entry.

<u>Lot</u>		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
931	Largest pumpkin, adult entry (age 17 and older).....	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
<u>Lot</u>		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>		
932	Largest pumpkin, youth entry (age 16 and younger).....	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10		

Ribbons will be awarded through eighth place in both divisions. In addition to prize money and ribbons, each winner will receive two (2) admission tickets to the Haunt at Valleyfair.

**HOME GARDEN COLLECTION**

**Lot Staged by 9 a.m., Sunday Aug. 26.**

950 Collection of eight (8) kinds of garden vegetables. Stage on plate, in one box.

**Lot Staged by 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1.**

951 Collection of eight (8) kinds of garden vegetables. Stage on plate, in one box.

**Lot Staged by 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1.**

953 Collection of eight (8) kinds of miniature garden vegetables, 2 to 3 of each specimen.

The following is a suggested list of selections and number of specimens. If you wish to use other garden vegetables for display contact the Superintendent at (612) 377-6790.

- Beans (25); cabbage (1); winter squash or pumpkin (1); summer squash (3); sweet corn (6); onions (6); tomatoes, large type (6); carrots (6); beets (6); parsnips (6); peppers (same as class); kohlrabi (6); cucumber (6); eggplant (2); cauliflower (1); broccoli (2); melon (1); leeks (2).

Flowers, special decorations or staging accessories will not be permitted. Plates for staging and labels for naming the variety will be furnished by management.

Premiums for (lots 950, 951, 952) .....	\$25	\$20	\$18	\$15	\$10
Five ribbons will be awarded					

**Score Criteria - Home Garden Collections**

Quality .....	50
Uniformity - size, shape and color .....	30
Attractiveness .....	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**BRAIDED GARLIC, ONION AND PEPPER ROPES**

**Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23**

Rope should be suitable for hanging. Must be braided with tops of bulbs and not tied with cord, twine or string.

**Lot**

970	Braided garlic rope, minimum of 18" long .....	\$20	\$15	\$10	Ribbon
971	Braided onion rope, minimum of 18" long .....	\$20	\$15	\$10	Ribbon
972	Pepper ristra, fresh pepper drying, minimum of 18" long or wreath .....	\$20	\$15	\$10	Ribbon

**DECORATIVE PUMPKINS AND SQUASH**

**Lot Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23.**

980 Scarred pumpkin or winter squash. No carving, painting, or other decorations permitted (scarring is healed-over cuts made on a growing squash or pumpkin in the field).

981 Decorated pumpkins or squash (summer or winter). No restrictions except that at least two of the following three techniques must be used: carving, painting, or other decorative materials.

**Lot Staged by 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29.**

990 Scarred pumpkin or winter squash. No carving, painting, or other decorations permitted (scarring is healed-over cuts made on a growing squash or pumpkin in the field).

991 Decorated pumpkins or squash (summer or winter). No restrictions except that at least two of the following three techniques must be used: carving, painting, or other decorative materials.

Premiums for above lots.....	\$10	\$8	\$5	Ribbon
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**Score Criteria - Decorative Pumpkins and Squashes**

Skill .....	30
Design .....	25
Durability .....	25
Originality .....	20
<u>TOTAL</u> .....	<u>100</u>

**KITCHEN CULINARY HERB GARDEN**

**Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23**

A display with five or more different types of herbs properly labeled (not multiples of the same type) growing in a suitable container. Container no larger than 24" high x 14" in diameter or 6" wide x 36" in length. Judged Sunday, Aug. 26.

**Lot**

996	A container with growing herbs .....	\$20	\$15	\$10	Ribbon
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**Score Criteria - Kitchen Culinary Herb Garden**

Culture and condition .....	50
Size, shape and development.....	30
Container.....	10
Attractiveness .....	10
<u>TOTAL</u> .....	<u>100</u>

**VEGETABLE PLANTS IN PATIO CONTAINERS**

**Staged by 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23.**

A suitable variety of one vegetable plant growing in an attractive container for the patio. Entries will be judged on quality, culture, stage of development and attractiveness of container. Containers should not exceed 16" in diameter and height. Judged Sunday, Aug. 26.

**Lot**

997	A container with one tomato plant in fruiting stage .....	\$20	\$15	\$10	Ribbon
998	A container with one pepper plant in fruiting stage .....	20	15	10	Ribbon
999	A container with one eggplant in fruiting stage .....	20	15	10	Ribbon

**Score Criteria - Vegetable Plants in Patio Containers**

Culture and condition .....	50
Size, shape and development.....	30
Container.....	20
<u>TOTAL</u> .....	<u>100</u>