

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017

## Fruit and Wine

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### Fruit and Wine Rules

1. **Eligibility.**

A. Limited to residents of Minnesota. Only one entry will be permitted in an amateur class by one exhibitor; and only one member from any family or household may enter in any class.

1. The Superintendent retains the right to determine, either at the time entry is made or at the time the exhibit is staged, the eligibility of the entrant, and reserves the right to bar any entrant from showing if, in his or her best judgment, the entrant is ineligible.

B. Professionals will not be permitted to show in the Amateur classes. The following definitions shall govern to differentiate between Amateur and Professional exhibitors:

1. **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.

2. **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.

2. **Judging.** The judges may, at their discretion, withhold awards from any exhibit which they consider to be unworthy of a prize. The decision of the judges shall be final.

## Division 136: Amateur Fruit

### Amateur Fruit Additional Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Fruit and Wine Department Rules.
2. All exhibits must have been grown within the state by the persons in whose name they are entered, unless otherwise noted in rules or classification.
3. Exhibits must be in place in the Ag-Hort building during the date and times of delivery, and will be judged later that same evening. Do not bring exhibits before the delivery date and times, except by special arrangement with the superintendent.
  - A. All exhibits will be placed under the direction of the superintendent, provided they are received at the Ag-Hort building prior to the time named for exhibits to be in place, and only if entries have been made with the Competition Department.
4. **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.
5. **Labels.** Each variety must be correctly labeled with its name, or, if an unnamed seedling, it must be noted. Every plate or tray must be identified by class number, exhibitor number, and variety. In the case of a multiple plate or multiple tray entry, each plate or tray must be labeled with class number, exhibitor number, and the specific variety displayed in that plate or tray. Identifying tags will be provided for exhibitor use in the Ag-Hort Building when delivering exhibits.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **Preparation.** Select specimens normal in size, color and condition. All blemished fruits are discounted by the judges. Handle specimens carefully. The judges discourage polishing the fruit.
  - A. Under size, color, form and condition, respectively, are also considered uniformity and conformity to a desirable type for the variety.
  - B. Overgrown specimens are not desirable. In picking the fruit, care must be taken not to break out the stems.
  - C. 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.
9. **Retention of exhibits.** 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 8-9 p.m. Labor Day, admission will not be charged for exhibitors coming in through the South Underwood gate (gate 7) to remove exhibits.

#### Judging Criteria - Plates

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Size.....	15
Color.....	20
Trueness to variety.....	10
Condition.....	30
Uniformity.....	25
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	<b>100</b>

#### Judging Criteria - Collections

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Size.....	15
Color.....	20
Trueness to variety.....	10
Condition.....	30
Uniformity.....	15
Importance.....	10
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	<b>100</b>

**Premiums for Amateur Fruit**

Amateur Fruit (unless otherwise listed)

\$15 \$10 \$8 \$5

Fruit Collection

\$25 \$20 \$15 \$10

Amateur Fruit Sweepstakes

\$30 \$20 \$17

Heaviest Grape Cluster

\$25 \$0 \$0

**Class Listing for Amateur Fruit**

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**Apples**

- 695 Apples, Beacon  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 696 Apples, Connell Red  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 697 Apples, Cortland  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 698 Apples, Delicious, or red sports  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 699 Apples, Fireside  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 700 Apples, Golden Delicious  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 701 Apples, Haral Red  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 702 Apples, Haralson  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 703 Apples, Honeycrisp  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 704 Apples, Honeygold  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 705 Apples, McIntosh  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 706 Apples, Northwestern Greening  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 707 Apples, Prairie Spy  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 708 Apples, Red Baron  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 709 Apples, Regent  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 710 Apples, State Fair  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 711 Apples, Wealthy  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 712 Apples, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Six specimens.*
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**Plums**

- 720 Plums, Alderman  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 721 Plums, Mount Royal  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 722 Plums, Pipestone  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*

- 723 Plums, Superior  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 724 Plums, Toka  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 725 Plums, Underwood  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 726 Plums, La Crescent  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 727 Plums, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.*
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**Cherry Plums**

- 730 Cherry Plums, Compass  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 732 Cherry Plums, Oka, Sapa or Sapalta  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 733 Cherry Plums, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.*
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**Pears**

- 734 Pears, Parker/Flemish Beauty  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 735 Pears, Patten  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 736 Pears, Seckal  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 737 Pears, Summer Crisp  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 738 Pears, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Six specimens.*
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**Crab Apples**

- 739 Crab Apples, Centennial  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 740 Crab Apples, Chestnut  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 741 Crab Apples, Dolgo  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 744 Crab Apples, Whitney  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 745 Crab Apples, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.*
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**Grapes**

- 746 Grapes, Bluebell  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 747 Grapes, Brianna  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 748 Grapes, Concord  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 749 Grapes, Edelweiss  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 750 Grapes, Frontenac  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 751 Grapes, Frontenac Blanc  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 752 Grapes, Frontenac Gris  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*

- 753 Grapes, Jukka  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 754 Grapes, La Crescent  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 755 Grapes, La Crosse  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 756 Grapes, Leon Millot or Marechal Foch  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 757 Grapes, Louise Swenson  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 758 Grapes, Marquette  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 759 Grapes, Prairie Star  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 760 Grapes, St. Croix  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 761 Grapes, St. Pepin  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 762 Grapes, Sabrevoix  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 763 Grapes, Swenson Red  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 764 Grapes, any vinifera variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 765 Grapes, any seedless variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 766 Grapes, any other Labrusca variety, Concord-type  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 767 Grapes, any other Muscat variety  
*Osceola, Muscat, Petit Amie, etc. Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 768 Grapes, any other hybrid red wine variety  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 769 Grapes, any other hybrid white wine variety  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*

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### Other Fruit

- 770 Reliance Peach  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 771 Any other Peach  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 772 Meteor Cherry  
*One pint.*
- 773 Kiwi  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 774 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.*

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### Amateur Fruit Collection

- 780 Amateur fruit collection, six plates  
*Apples, Plums, Cherry Plums, Pears, Crab Apples, Other Fruit.  
Each plate shall be of a different variety, with no more than two plates from any one category of fruit. Each plate to be identified by exhibitor number, class and variety.*
- 781 Sweepstakes, Amateur Fruit  
*To the three exhibitors amassing the three highest totals of sweepstakes points. Points awarded: first place receives six points, second place receives three points, third place receives one point. Sweepstakes ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded. A trophy will be awarded to the sweepstakes winner.*

**MGGA Heaviest Grape Cluster Contest**

## 782 Heaviest Grape Cluster

*In order to encourage excellence in growing grapes for fresh consumption, and the exploration of cultural techniques for enhancing quality, the MGGA sponsors 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. 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 class.
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 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 class 781.)
5. This competition is open to both amateur and professional growers.

## Division 137: Amateur Wine

### Amateur Wine Additional Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Fruit and Wine Department Rules.
2. 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 class is sufficient.
  - A. All wine will be disposed of by the superintendent because of spoilage during the display. All bottles will be recycled 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. (Bottles not picked up by the end of September will be recycled.)
  - B. Labels on bottles will be covered by the superintendent by wrapping with paper during judging, but will be uncovered afterwards for display. Labels should include winemaker's name, address, type of wine, vintage year; and be sized about 3" x 5".
  - C. Entry tags. Tags will be sent to exhibitors after the initial entry and must be attached to the bottle. Each bottle must have a tag showing division, class, and exhibitor number.
3. **International Cold-Climate Wine Competition.** For information regarding this competition, contact the Minnesota Grape Growers Association or access the International Cold-Climate Wine Competition at [mngrapes.org/page/ICCWC](http://mngrapes.org/page/ICCWC).

### Premiums for Amateur Wine

Amateur Wine (unless listed otherwise)

\$15 \$12 \$10 \$8 \$5

### Class Listing for Amateur Wine

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#### Amateur Wine Show

- 1 Red grape table wine, Minnesota grapes  
*From 100% Minnesota grown grapes.*
- 2 Red grape table wine  
*From any other source.*
- 3 White grape table wine, Minnesota grapes  
*From 100% Minnesota grown grapes.*
- 4 White grape table wine  
*From any other source.*
- 5 Rosé grape table wine, Minnesota grapes  
*From 100% Minnesota grown grapes.*
- 6 Rosé grape table wine  
*From any other source.*
- 7 Labrusca table wine  
*Concord-type, any color.*
- 8 Any other grape wine  
*e.g. Riparia.*
- 9 Sparkling wine, Minnesota fruit  
*From 100% Minnesota grown fruit.*
- 10 Sparkling wine  
*From 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

*Such as dandelion, corn, etc.*

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23 Sweepstakes, Wine

*To the exhibitor amassing the highest total of sweepstakes points. Points awarded: first place receives four points, second place receives two points, third place receives one point. A trophy will be awarded to the sweepstakes winner.*