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NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

August 28 – September 7, 2015

Grand Island, NE

Ag Products Department

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Nebraska State Fair (NSF)

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New in 2015

- **Entry Deadline Policy:** Entry deadline is Wed, Aug 19 at midnight. Exhibits brought to the fair but not entered by Aug 19 will not be judged.
- **Exhibit delivery times:** This year there will be two delivery times: Wed, Aug 26, 3 pm - 8:30 pm and Thu, Aug 27, 10 pm - 3 pm
- **Judging time and policy:** Judging will start on Thu, Aug 27 at 4 pm. Exhibits not received by 3 pm will not be judged.
- **Age determination:** Use the exhibitor's age as of Jan 1 for all classes in the Nebraska State Fair Domestic Departments that are age-restricted.

Important Dates

<u>Entry Deadline:</u>	Wed, Aug 19, midnight
<u>Exhibit Delivery Deadline:</u>	Thu, Aug 27, 3 pm
<u>Exhibit Release:</u>	Mon, Sep 7, 8-9 pm - no early release

Agricultural Products Department Divisions

- Divisions 2201 through 2210 and Division 2219 contains classes open to any age exhibitors including youth
- Division 2213 contains classes for youth only, two age groups: 5-8 yrs and 9-12 yrs
- Divisions 2214 through 2217 contain classes for a youth (various age groups) and adults

Agricultural Premiums and Overall Awards

Depending on the caliber of exhibits, the judge may but is not required to award all the placing that are available to be made in the class.

The premiums and special division awards paid by the Nebraska State Fair (NSF) are listed at the end of each division or class. Starting with the 2014 Fair, the premium amounts were increased in the majority of divisions plus some overall divisions awards were added. In addition, the **Nebraska Beekeeper's Association** offers one-pound jars of clover honey for the first place winners in Division 2203, classes 304, 312 and 313.

Agricultural Products Department Rules

It's the Exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with the [General Rules and Regulations](#) linked here which apply to all Nebraska State Fair open class domestic departments and to the specific rules for each department.

Additional Rules Specific to the Agricultural Department are:

Competition is limited to Nebraska residents only. In addition, commercial seed companies are not be permitted to compete.

- Age-restricted classes require the birth date to be listed on the entry form. Age is as Jan 1. Check age limits carefully when entering.
 - Division 2201-2210 and 2219 can be entered by any age exhibitor including youth.
 - Division 2213 is for youth only.
 - Divisions 2214-2217 have both youth and adult classes.
- Entries must be growth of the present year, unless otherwise stated in the class description.
- Exhibitors may enter only one (1) entry per class number.
- Exhibit space will be assigned by the superintendent. The department will furnish containers for Divisions 2201 and

2202, boxes for vegetables and hooks for Peg-Board displays.

- Exhibit quantity and other specifications are noted at the beginning of each division unless otherwise stated.
- The State Fair reserves the right of submitting any or all exhibits to the germination test. Any exhibit showing a germination test lower than 80 will be disqualified. The Fair furthermore reserves the privilege of defacing and spraying with fluorescent dye.
- A guide, "Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit for Exhibit" can be downloaded from the Nebraska Curriculum: Plant Science, 4-H Youth development website: <http://4h.unl.edu/4hcurriculum/necurriculumplantscience>
- Perishable items that show spoilage or deterioration will be disposed of during the Fair in order to keep the exhibits fresh and attractive for the viewing public.
- Only officials may enter the exhibit spaces or have access to the entries.
- All exhibits on display must be claimed by the exhibitor between 8pm and 9 pm, Mon, Sep 7, 2015. Remaining exhibits will be given to charity unless previous arrangements are made with the superintendent.

How to Enter Exhibits – Entry deadline is Wed, Aug 19 at midnight

If you wish to purchase exhibitor tickets you must do so when you enter your exhibits online or on the Agricultural Products Entry Form. Purchase of these tickets is optional. Exhibitor tickets purchased at the time of entry will be distributed at the time exhibits are delivered to the Concourse. If no exhibit is received, no tickets will be issued and no refunds given. Note that general admission is less than exhibitor ticket admission on some days. Check www.statefair.org Guest Info/Admission Pricing for details.

Online Registration: The most time and cost-efficient way to enter is online. Exhibitors can enter all their open class exhibits and order exhibitor tickets (optional) in one session. See [Online Entry Guidelines](#) for instructions.

Mail-In or In-Person Registration: When using mail-in or in-person registration, the exhibitor must use a separate form for each department entered. Either print the entry form from the following hyperlink: [2015 Agricultural Products Entry Form](#) or request form from the NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island NE 68801, phone: 308-382-1620.

Entry forms may be mailed, faxed or delivered to the Nebraska State Fair. Deadline for Ag Products is Wed, Aug 19, midnight.

- Mailing address: Nebraska State Fair Office, PO Box 1387, Grand Island NE, 68802-1387
- Fax: 308-384-1555
- Hand delivery address: NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island NE

Guidelines For Completing Entry Form – Online & Mail in or Delivery

- Enter all items that you plan to bring. There is no entry fee. Items not brought will be deleted at the fair.
- **Late entries past the entry deadline will not be allowed to compete.**
- Birth date is required on the entry form only if you are entering an age-restricted (youth only) class.
- Retain a copy of the entry form. A copy is required when you deliver your exhibits to Grand Island. For online registration, print either the entry receipt activity report or a packing/loading report.

Deliver Exhibits to Fonner Park Concourse – Deadline is Thu, Aug 27, 3 pm

Deliver exhibits, along with a copy of the entry form, to the Agricultural Products Department located in the Fonner Park Concourse. There are two receiving dates this year: Wed, Aug 26 from 3 -8:30 pm and Thu, Aug 27 from 10 am - 3 pm.

Make sure all tags are securely attached to exhibits. Return all unused tags to the superintendent. Exhibits not received by Thu, Aug 27 at 3 pm will not be judged.

Judging will begin promptly at 4 pm. Judging results will be available at www.statefair.org.

Return of Exhibits --- No Early Release

Exhibits can be picked up Mon, Sep 7, from 8pm to 9 pm. After that they will be given to charity unless previous arrangements are made with the superintendent.

Agricultural Products - Divisions 2201-2219

DIVISION 2201 - THRESHED GRAINS AND OTHER LARGE SEED

Samples will be shown in uniform 2-quart glass jars furnished by the department. Samples of grain are treated with fluorescent dye. Seeds must be sound and clean. ****NOTE: IDENTICAL SAMPLES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED****

- 101 Yellow shelled corn, 2014 crop
- 102 White shelled corn, 2014 crop

The following can be 2014 or 2015 crops:

- 103 Hard Winter Wheat
- 104 Rye
- 105 Oats
- 106 Barley 6 Rows
- 107 Grain Sorghum, red or bronze
- 109 Grain Sorghum, cream or yellow
- 112 Foxtail
- 113 Proso
- 114 Soybeans
- 115 Yellow Popcorn
- 116 White Popcorn
- 117 Ornamental Flour Flint Corn
- 118 Sunflower Seeds

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 to Best of Show in Classes 101-102.

DIVISION 2203 - SHEAF DISPLAY

Sheaves must be Nebraska grown, but do not need to be grown by the exhibitor. Grain and forage sheaves **must not be less than three inches in diameter at center of banded portion**. They must be the product of **the current season**, and shall be judged as sheaves, considering the type, quality, and appearance of the entire sheaf.

- 301 Hard Red Winter Wheat, shown without leaves
- 302 Rye, shown without leaves
- 303 Oats, shown without leaves
- 304 Soybeans, leaves permitted on the top one third. Stalks cut at ground level.

Legumes for hay shown with leaves. Sheaves will be judged on the basis of hay quality.

- 310 Alfalfa any cutting
- 311 Any Sweet Clover before bloom stage
- 312 Red Clover
- 313 Alsike Clover

Specimen Sheaves. These sheaves should be mature and will be judged on attractiveness of the sheaves and not for forage or hay quality. Warm season grass may be of previous season. *Sheaves should be identified.*

- 341 Big Bluestem
- 342 Little Bluestem
- 343 Indian grass
- 344 Switch grass

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Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 to Best of Show in Division 2203 classes 301-313.

Nebraska Bee Keepers Association, Lincoln, NE, offers a 1-lb jar of clover honey for the best entry in Soybean Class 304, for the best entry in Red Clover Class 312 and for the best entry in Alsike Clover Class 313.

DIVISION 2204 - STALK DISPLAY

- Entries in Classes 404-411 must consist of four (4) stalks - **tied or banded**.
- Entries in Class 412 must consist of two (2) heads with a 1 ft stem.

- Entries in this Division shall be judged from the standpoint of the best plant types for the purpose for which the crop is grown, whether for grain, forage or otherwise.

- 401 Grain Sorghum, red or bronze, with leaves
- 402 Grain Sorghum, yellow or cream, with leaves
- 404 Yellow Popcorn
- 405 White Popcorn
- 406 Yellow Dent Corn
- 407 White Dent Corn
- 408 Strawberry Popcorn
- 409 Any Flint Corn
- 410 Ornamental Corn 3 1/2" or less
- 411 Ornamental Corn over 3 1/2"
- 412 2 qty - Sunflower Heads with 1 ft stem

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Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 for Best of Division.

DIVISION 2205 - VINE PRODUCTS

Each entry shall consist of two uniform specimens of each variety, shown with **2" stems**, unless otherwise indicated.

Note: Refrigeration prior to show causes deterioration.

- 501 Vegetable Spaghetti Squash, matured
- 502 Butternut Squash, matured
- 503 Acorn Squash, green, matured
- 504 Acorn Squash, any other, matured
- 505 Buttercup Squash, matured
- 506 Banana Squash, matured
- 507 Any other matured Winter Variety Squash, not listed above
- 508 Any Hubbard Squash
- 510 Scallop Squash, any types, mature, decorative
- 511 Zucchini Squash, mature, decorative
- 512 Crookneck Squash, mature, decorative
- 513 Straight neck Squash, mature, decorative
- 514 Turk's Turban Squash, mature, decorative
- 515 Scallop Squash, any types, edible, immature
- 516 Zucchini, edible, immature
- 517 Crookneck Squash, edible, immature
- 518 Straight-Neck Squash, edible, immature
- 519 Pumpkin, sugar or pie, matured
- 520 Pumpkin, Connecticut field type, matured
- 521 Cushaw Pumpkin, matured
- 522 Mini Pumpkin (4 inches or under), matured, white
- 523 Mini Pumpkin (4 inches or under), matured, orange
- 524 Any other Pumpkin, 2 specimens
- 525 Watermelon, round (larger than 9 inches), green, matured
- 526 Watermelon, round (larger than 9 inches), stripe, matured
- 527 Watermelon, long green, matured
- 528 Watermelon, long stripe, matured
- 529 Watermelon, ice-box varieties (9 inches or smaller) matured
- 530 Muskmelon, 2 specimens
- 531 Cantaloupe, 2 specimens
- 532 Cucumber, green slicing, 3 specimens, may be shown without stem
- 533 Cucumber, pickling 12 specimens, over 2 1/2" long, may be shown without stem.
- 534 Lemon Cucumber, 3 specimens with or without stem
- 535 Any other variety cucumber, not listed, 3 specimens

- 536 Ornamental Gourds, matured display of 5 large varieties (over 3 1/2" diameter), judged for color and shape
- 537 Ornamental Gourds, matured display of 5 small varieties (3 1/2" diameter or less), judged for color and shape
- 538 Other vine products

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Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 for Best of Division.

DIVISION 2206 - LARGEST PUMPKIN, SQUASH, WATERMELON

Exhibits must be sound, good quality, mature, single specimens, to be judged by weight at time of entry. Specimens shown in this Division cannot be shown in any other class.

- 601 Any Pumpkin with a soft/hard, round/hexagonal stem (Connecticut Field, Howden, Atlantic Giant, Big Max, Hungarian Giant, etc.)
- 602 Cushaw Pumpkin
- 603 Squash, Hubbard
- 604 Squash, Zucchini
- 605 Squash, Banana
- 606 Watermelon
- 607 Any Other Squash

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

Nebraska State Fair will award \$50 to the largest entry in classes 601-603

Nebraska State Fair will award \$25 to the largest watermelon in class 606.

DIVISION 2207 – VEGETABLES

Exhibits will be displayed on plates or other containers furnished by the department.

Onions, table beets, carrots, horseradish, turnips and parsnips are to be shown with two inches of top.

Number of specimens required is listed after each class.

Note: Refrigeration and washing prior to show causes deterioration.

- 701 Russet Potatoes (6)
- 702 Kennebec Potatoes (6)
- 703 Cobblers Potatoes (6)
- 704 Norland Potatoes (6)
- 705 Yukon Gold Potatoes (6)
- 706 Any other variety white potato (6)
- 707 Any other variety red potato (6)
- 708 Sweet potato, any variety (3)
- 710 Red Onion, unpeeled (6)
- 711 White Onion, unpeeled (6)
- 712 Yellow Onion, unpeeled (6)
- 713 Jumbo Onions 4" or over, any variety, unpeeled (3)
- 715 Green Beans, in pods (12)
- 716 Wax Beans, in pods (12)
- 717 Lima Green Beans, in pods (12)
- 718 Green Cabbage (2 heads)
- 719 Red Cabbage (2 heads)
- 720 Green Bell Peppers (6)
- 721 Red Bell Peppers (6)
- 722 Banana Peppers (6)
- 723 Hot Peppers, Jalapeno (12)
- 724 Hot Peppers, red, large (6)
- 725 Hot Peppers, green (12)
- 726 Hot Peppers, yellow (12)
- 727 Hot Peppers, not named (12)
- 728 Hot Peppers, Chili (12)

- 729 Any other sweet pepper (6)
- 730 Red Tomatoes no stems (6)
- 731 Pink Tomatoes, no stems (6)
- 732 Yellow or Orange Tomatoes, no stems (6)
- 733 Paste Tomatoes, no stems (6)
- 734 Small Red varieties other than paste (12), no stems
- 735 Any other small variety tomato, no stems (12)
- 738 Red Table Beets (6)
- 740 Short Carrots, 2-4 inches in length (6)
- 741 Long Carrots, over 4 inches (6)
- 742 Turnips (6)
- 743 Rhubarb, 2 inch fan, pulled, not cut (6)
- 744 Eggplant, Traditional (2)
- 745 Eggplant, Japanese
- 746 Eggplant, any other
- 747 Okra, edible, 5 inches or less in length (8)
- 748 Kohlrabi (6)
- 749 Any other non-root crop (fruit above ground) (6)
- 750 Any other root crop (fruit below ground) (6)
- 751 Sweet Basil (**dried**, shown with leaves) 6 stems
- 752 Dill (**dried**, bunch, **2 ft. length**) 6 stems
- 753 Sage (**dried**, shown with leaves) 6 stems
- 754 Garlic Chives (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 6 specimens
- 755 Onion Chives (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 12 specimens
- 756 Parsley (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 12 Specimens
- 757 Horseradish, 2 specimens
- 758 Garlic, 5 bulbs
- 759 Oregano (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 12 stems
- 760 Rosemary (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 6 stems
- 761 Other Herb, not listed (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 12 stems
- 762 Shallot, 5 bulbs

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Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 for Best of Division.

DIVISION 2208 - LARGEST VEGETABLES

Exhibits in this Division cannot be shown in any other class, and should be a **single** specimen, matured, of sound, good quality; to be judged by weight on day of entry.

- 801 Potato, any variety
- 802 Onion, any variety
- 803 Cabbage, either Green or Red
- 804 Tomato, Red
- 805 Eggplant
- 806 Pepper
- 807 Sweet potato
- 808 Carrot

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

DIVISION 2209 - CORN. GROWTH OF CURRENT YEAR – 2014

Corn samples of 10 ears, shown without shucks unless otherwise specified.

- 901 Yellow Dent Corn
- 902 White Dent Corn
- 903 Yellow Sweet Corn
- 904 White Sweet Corn
- 905 Bi-colored Sweet Corn

- 906 Yellow Popcorn
- 907 White Popcorn
- 908 Strawberry Popcorn
- 909 Any other ornamental corn 3-1/2 inches or less
- 910 Any other ornamental corn over 3-1/2 inches
- 911 Flint corn, shown with shucks *turned back, but not tied*

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 for Best of Division.

DIVISION 2210 - CORN, GROWTH OF PRECEDING SEASON – 2013

- 1201 Yellow Dent Ear Corn (10 Ears)
- 1202 White Dent Ear Corn (10 Ears)
- 1203 Flint Ear Corn (10 Ears)

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 for Best of Division.

DIVISION 2213 - MR. POTATO HEAD

This is an age-restricted division and limited to ages 5 to 12 yrs of age. Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.

Potato decorated to look like a person or character with a name. **Must use all natural materials.**

- 1301 Mr. Potato Head - (*Youth 5 through 8 yrs of age*)
- 1302 Mr. Potato Head - (*Youth 9 through 12 yrs of age*)

Nebraska State Fair will award \$6 for first place, \$5 for second place, \$4 for third place, \$3 for fourth place, and \$2 for fifth place in both age groups.

DIVISION 2214 - FARM PRODUCTS DISPLAY

Garden Product Display:

All items displayed must be Agricultural Products from **Divisions 2205 and 2207**. Items not listed in these divisions, will not be accepted. Display must have at least 3, but not more than 8, different kinds of produce. Display will be created by youth in front of an Ag Products staff member. Containers may be exhibitors' choice and will be judged as part of the exhibit. All display items must fit in the container. No exhibits that have been pre-arranged will be judged. Prizes will be awarded based on quality and variety of products and the arrangement created by the exhibitor. *Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.*

- 1401 Youth (age 5-8) - A collection of Garden Products from Divisions 2205 and 2207
- 1402 Youth (age 9-12) -A collection of Garden Products from Divisions 2205-2207

Bushel of Farm Product Display:

Entry must be shown in bushel basket turned on side. **BRING YOUR OWN BASKET**. No decorations on, or with basket allowed. Entry must be an assortment of vegetables consisting of at least 6 or more kinds of produce, not more than a level bushel. Exhibits are to be **arranged by exhibitor**, observed by an Agricultural Products staff member. To be judged for quality, variety and general appearance.

- 1403 Youth (age 13-18) - **Bushel of Farm Products** from Divisions 2205, 2207, and 2210 *Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.*
- 1404 Adult - **Bushel of Farm Products** from Divisions 2205, 2207, and 2210

Nebraska State Fair will award \$10 for first place, \$8 for second place, \$6 for third place, \$4 for fourth place and \$2 for fifth place in each age group. Rosettes will be awarded.

DIVISION 2215 - GARDEN SCARECROW

Note: Only ONE entry per exhibitor in Division 2215

Entry requirements: height: 3' to 5'; arm spread: 2' to 4'. Entry must be secured to or combined with a 6' pointed stake. The Nebraska State Fair will provide a 5-gallon bucket of sand for standing the scarecrow. *Birth date must be listed on*

entry form. Age is as of entry deadline, Jan 1.

- 1501 Scarecrow -Youth (age 5-12)
- 1504 Scarecrow - Adult (over age 13)

Nebraska State Fair will award \$15 for first place, \$12 for second place, \$9 for third place, \$6 for fourth place and \$3 for fifth place in each age group.

DIVISION 2216 - CORNUCOPIA DISPLAY

Entry shown in a Cornucopia Basket. **You must furnish your own basket.** Decorations on or with basket will be judged on originality. Entry must be an assortment of agricultural products from Divisions 2205, 2207 and 2210 consisting of at least 3, but not more than 8, different kinds of produce. Exhibits are to be **arranged by exhibitor**, observed by an Agriculture Products Staff member. Entry will be judged for quality, variety and arrangement.

- 1601 Youth (ages 13-18) Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of entry deadline, Jan 1.
- 1602 Adult

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

DIVISION 2217 - ODDITY OF NATURE

Oddity from any class in Ag Products.

- 1701 Youth, ages 5-12 Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.
- 1702 Adult, 13 and over

Nebraska State Fair will award \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

DIVISION 2219 – FROM PRODUCE TO PANTRY

- 1901 Prepare an educational exhibit to show where our food supply comes from. Example: A basket might contain a jar of salsa, surrounded by tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, cilantro, and onions. Judging to be based on educational effect, creativity, and quality of produce.

Nebraska State Fair will award \$6 to first place, \$5 to second place, \$4 to third place, \$3 to fourth place and \$2 to fifth place.