



Erie County Agricultural Society

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Erie County Fair
Open Class
August 8 – 13, 2023

DEPARTMENT 1 - FARM & GARDEN



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Superintendent - Gary Miller

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Check in will be on Tuesday, August 8th from 8-9 am.
2. Judging will start on Tuesday, August 8th at 10am.
3. Official release time is Sunday, August 13th from 4pm – 5pm
4. Every item in the exhibit must be raised by the exhibitor.
5. If you have been a dealer or professional in the past or earn 50% of your annual income by such means, you must enter as a Dealer/ Professional.
6. No duplicate entries permitted.
7. Plates will be provided by the department. Every effort will be made to properly display all items.
8. All vegetables must have a stem left on top. Brush—Do not wash vegetables
9. Small Vegetable Class—see specimen for display requirements.
10. Large Vegetable Class—see specimen for display requirements.
11. Fruit Class—display 5 items per specimen category.
12. Ribbons will be awarded at time of judging or may be picked up at the Sr. Fair Board office.

CLASS I—GRAINS

Display

1. Field Corn 3 stalks—balled
2. Soybeans 5 stalks—bare root—unwashed
3. Wheat 1 quart jar
4. Oats 1 quart jar
5. Sunflower—largest head
6. Sunflower—tallest measured stalk—balled

CLASS WINNER

CLASS II—SMALL VEGETABLES

Display

1. Green Beans 10 pods
2. Lima Beans 10 pods
3. Pea 10 pods
4. Carrots 5, topped
5. Cucumber, slicing - 5
6. Cucumber, pickles - 5
7. Peppers - Bell 5
8. Peppers - Hot 5
9. Potatoes - 5
10. Red Beets - 5
11. Sweet Corn - 5
12. Tomatoes - Slicers 5
13. Tomatoes - Roma 5
14. Tomatoes - Cherry 10
15. Onions - 5
16. Summer Squash - 3
17. Radishes, Topped - 5
18. Turnips, Topped - 5

CLASS WINNER

CLASS III—LARGE VEGETABLES

Display 1 Item per Specimen

1. Cabbage - 4 Leaves
2. Cauliflower
3. Eggplant
4. Watermelon
5. Muskmelon
6. Honeydew
7. Pumpkin
8. Squash - Winter
9. Squash - Summer over 12"
10. Broccoli
11. Kohlrabi

CLASS WINNER

CLASS IV—FRUITS

Display

1. Grapes - 3 bunches
2. Apples - 5
3. Peaches - 5
4. Pears - 5
5. Plums - 5
6. Raspberries - 5

CLASS WINNER

BEST OF SHOW—CLASS I-IV

CLASS V—SPECIALTY DISPLAY

1. Display best grouping of fruits and/or vegetables at **least 6 items**.

Display is limited to a 30" x 30" space. The Display will be judged on the following:

- A. Size & Uniformity 10 pts
- B. Overall Appearance 15 pts
- C. Attractiveness 15 pts
- D. Color 25 pts
- E. Condition & Freedom of Blemish 35 pts

TOTAL POINTS 100 PTS.

BEST OF SHOW

Registration Deadline—Aug. 1st

Interested in entering the 7 other Departments— Floriculture, Baked Goods, Photography, Household Arts, Arts, Antiques & Collections and Hobbies & Crafts?

Contact the Erie County Fair Board office at 419.625.1000 or visit

www.eriefair.com

See below for more Class information.

OPEN CLASS ENTRY FORM

FAIR DATES: August 8-13, 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE: August 1, 2023

Please Print Clearly and Fill in Completely

NAME: _____ EXHIBITOR NO. _____
BY FAIR BD. OFC

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ COUNTY: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please Indicate Open Class Level: Amateur _____ Professional _____

Dept.	Class	Cat.	Description of Entry

Payment must accompany entry.
Return Form and Payment Payable to:
Erie County Agricultural Society
P.O. Box 2436
Sandusky, OH 44870

Signature: _____

Entry fee for Open Classes:

- Youth under 18: \$5.00
- Season: \$2.00 per entry or \$25.00 for unlimited entries
- Membership - \$2.00 per entry or \$25.00 for unlimited entries*

*A voting Membership ticket is for Erie County residents age 18 and over ONLY. Ticket must be picked up in the Fair Board Office before the start of the fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

General Information

1. BE SURE TO READ: (1) All rules imposed by the Erie County Agricultural Society; (2) All rules imposed by the State of Ohio; (3) All specific instructions under the department in which you wish to enter; (4) The summary of rules on the entry form.
2. Questions which arise will be answered by the department superintendents.
3. The Erie County Fair Board reserves the sole and absolute right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine arbitrarily on matters and differences in regard thereto, from which there is no appeal.
4. Security and Police officers are on duty on the grounds during the continuance of the Fair. The Erie County Fair Board is not and will not be responsible for damage, loss, or accident that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give attention to their items during the Fair.
5. Disrespect by an exhibitor or agent toward officials, or any misrepresentation, in regard to entries in any department either by statements made or facts omitted, will render the entry ineligible to compete, and no premium will be paid.
6. Competition is open to all counties in Ohio.
7. All open class exhibitors must hold a membership ticket, season ticket, pay per entry or a youth wristband.
8. All entries must be made in the name of the owner of the article.
9. Entries should be recorded on forms provided and mailed to the Erie County Agricultural Society, PO Box 2436, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870.
10. The closing date of all entries for each department will be 6 p.m, August 1st.
11. All mail in entries in all departments must be postmarked no later than July 31st. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
12. The exhibitor must fill out the entry form completely. This includes designating the department; class; and description of the item. The entry form must be signed by the exhibitor.
13. When the entry of an item is recorded in the books of the Secretary, tags will be given a number and class which are to be placed on the item. Once the item has been entered, no changes in the entry will be permitted, unless it can be shown that a mistake has been made.
14. Superintendent has the right to change entry to a more appropriate category.
15. Every item for competition must be placed on display on Monday, August 7th between 5-8 p.m.
Except for:
 - Antiques and Collectibles starting at 4 p.m.
 - Items for Farm and Garden and Baked Goods must be placed on display on Tuesday, August 8th between 8-9am.
 - Floriculture Class:
 - Classes I, II and III on Wednesday, August 9th between 8-9 am.
 - Classes IV, V and VI on Friday, August 11th between 8-9 am.
16. Official release time is Sunday, August 13th, 4pm-5pm, supervised.

Any exhibitor removing items before release time will not be permitted to enter any open class exhibits the following year. Not responsible for items left after 5 p.m.

17. Exhibitor must provide receipt to remove item from display area.
18. No interference or communications with the judges will be allowed and any person who by letter or otherwise attempts to influence the decision of the judge, shall forfeit any and all premiums which may be or have been awarded and be ruled out of competition.
19. Premiums for most classes are: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$3.00; 3rd - \$1.00. Unless otherwise stated.
20. Premiums can be picked up on Sunday of the fair at exhibit check out.
21. Rosettes and ribbons will be awarded at time of judging or may be picked up in the Sr. Fair Board Office.
22. The judges are instructed not to award premiums, unless the items are deemed of worthy merit.
23. No person other than members of the Board, who are not competitors, will be allowed to see the entries, or to have access to the judges' books after the awards are made.
24. If there is any question as to the regularity of any entry, or of the right of any item to compete in any given class, the judges shall report the same to the Superintendent of the Department for adjustment.
25. The Fair Board is not responsible for notifying winning exhibitors.
26. For specific rules— see individual departments