



Department 12 AGRICULTURE

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 2026	17	18 11:00-7:00 Entry Day – North Expo	19 11:00-7:00 Entry Day - North Expo	20 9:00 Judging	21 FAIR OPENS	22
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30 Noon-8:00 Premium Payout 10:00 Fair Closes	31 10:00-7:00 All Items are released, Premium Payout	Sept 1 – 11 9:00-4:30 All Premium Payout Closed Sept 4-7	Enjoy the Fair: Noon – 10:00 Weekdays & Sunday; Noon – 11:00 Fridays & Saturdays Contact: 208-287-5663 or premiumoffice@idahofair.com			

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Please Note: See Department 19 for all Youth entries, age 17 & younger. Youth are welcome to enter Department 12 if they wish to compete with adults.

How to enter:

Bring in your entries with the entry form(s) to the Fairgrounds on **Tuesday, Aug. 18 or Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Entries will be taken in the North Expo Building. If you want to enter early and reduce time spent in line on entry days, you have the following 2 options:

1. a) Mail or deliver **ONLY** your **entry form(s)** to the Premium Office, 5610 Glenwood, Boise ID 83714 by **August 10.**
 b) Then bring your **entries** to the Fairgrounds on **Aug. 18 or Aug. 19** from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- OR 2.** a) Enter online by **Aug. 10** at www.idahofair.com. Follow the link to Competitive Exhibits. The Western Idaho Fair will cover the \$2 convenience fee. There will be no charge to enter online unless a professional fee applies.
 b) Then bring your **entries** to the Fairgrounds on **Aug. 18 or Aug. 19** from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. **Please CAREFULLY read** all rules for this department as well as the General Rules.

Entries will be accepted in the **North Wing** of the Exposition Building. Exhibitors must obtain an **Exhibitor Number** prior to making an entry in the Department. Entry forms are supplied by The Western Idaho Fair and must be completed properly and signed before exhibit is entered. Exhibitors are responsible for all information on the entry form, such as class number, division, correct **variety, and name**. Items entered incorrectly will be disqualified. Help is available in the department to answer questions. **Only ONE entry in each class is permitted for each exhibitor.** For display purposes and the public’s interest, each entry **should be labeled** with the correct variety name. Example: Beet, Table, “Detroit Dark Red”; Corn, Yellow, “Howling Mob”.

2. **JUDGING:** Thursday, Aug. 20 – 9:00 a.m. This department will be closed for the entire day. Judges will award premiums when entries are deemed worthy of merit. If no competition exists and entry is not worthy of 1st place, the judges may award 2nd place, etc. or no premium. Honorable mention will be awarded as determined by the judges. **Decisions of the Judges are final.** Judges’ decisions are based on the following criteria:

Appearance: Clean, of edible quality, picked at the time of appropriate ripeness, no obvious bruising or blemishes, insect, and disease free.

Uniformity: All specimens the same size, shape, and color.

Conformity to Specifications (of class entered): Correct Division and Class, exact number of specimens, variety name and various individual specifications of each class. Example: Stem attached, leave tap root on, etc.

Note: If it has not been an ideal year for growing, Judges will take that into consideration and award premiums accordingly.

3. **PREMIUM PAY-OUT:** Awards will be available at the Premium Office. Copy of Exhibitor Number Form should be presented for Premium pay-out. Cash premiums will be paid to those entitled to awards on Aug. 26 through Aug. 30 from 12 Noon to 8:00 p.m. and on Exhibit Release Day, Monday, Aug. 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Starting Sept. 1 through Sept. 11, awards will be given out from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The Office will be closed for Labor Day weekend, including the Friday prior to Labor Day. **Awards not claimed by Sept. 11, 2026,** will be considered a donation and will revert back to The Western Idaho Fair general fund.
4. **RELEASE:** Monday, Aug. 31 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **In no case may exhibits be removed before 10:00 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31.** Exhibits consisting of perishable produce, not claimed by 7:00 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of properly, or will be donated to a Food Bank. Exhibits consisting of hard goods and props, which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair, will be considered to have been

abandoned and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.

Exhibitors must present claim checks corresponding with entry tags when claiming exhibits. Exhibits must not be removed without the Superintendent or assistants being present to check out entries.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

5. All produce in this department must have been grown by the exhibitor in 2026. Exceptions are Garlic Braids and Wreaths, Ristra and Division 6 Sheaves. These must have been grown in 2025. If in the opinion of the Superintendent, an exhibit has been shown in previous years, the right is reserved to withhold the item from judging. The Superintendent also reserves the right to disqualify any produce that does not appear to have been homegrown or field grown. Example: Produce purchased in a store.
6. **The Superintendent reserves the right to disqualify any entry found to be inconsistent with Department Rules. The Superintendent shall have the right to refuse any entry found to contain insects or to be otherwise unsuitable for display. The Superintendent shall also have the right to remove, at any time after judging, any produce which has become unsightly.**
7. Exhibitors are permitted to bring their own containers to display their entry and may label with the **specimen's variety name**, e.g., Corn, Silver Queen. This will in no way influence the Judges, as they judge on the quality of the specimen. However, when choosing a "Best Of" of section, preference will be given to named varieties.
8. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits, but the exhibitor assumes all responsibility in case of loss or theft. In no case will the Management of The Western Idaho Fair, the Superintendent or employees be responsible for loss or damage to same.

SPECIAL VETERANS AWARD

Shaun McClurg from the Fired Arts Department will award a special plaque to an Honored Veteran entering in the Agriculture Department. To compete for this award be sure to mark your entry form.

DIVISION 1 – SPECIAL DISPLAYS

Pomona and Subordinate Grange Exhibits

Each Grange exhibit will be scored by a Score Card supplied by The Western Idaho Fair. The Judges will rate each exhibit and the Grange will be paid based on the number of points awarded. 1660 Points is the possible total and perfect score. Prizes will be paid at the rate of \$0.22 per point; hence on the perfect score 1660 times \$0.22 or \$365. Individual exhibits must be tagged. For artistic arrangements the three Granges having the highest number of points in artistic arrangement on the score card will receive first, a blue ribbon; second, a red ribbon; and third, a white ribbon.

*Fair Theme: 'Bright Lights & Fair Nights'

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR GRANGE EXHIBITS

The Western Idaho Fair will award a plaque for the Exhibit that best portrays the Fair Theme 'Bright Lights & Fair Nights'.

People's Choice of the Day: Each day of the Fair, visitors in this Department may vote for the Grange display of their choice to receive the Popularity Award. All entries are eligible. The display receiving the most votes each day will receive a Ribbon. The Western Idaho Fair will award \$225, divided equally to all participating Granges.

GRANGE BOOTH SCORE CARD

Grange: _____ **Judge:** _____

Note:

1. Open Class rules apply on how products are displayed
2. Only two varieties of any one crop will be judged. Extra displays will not count against nor add to the score.
3. Sheaves may be used for decorative purposes only and are not to be judged.
4. Educational materials will not count against the score.

Class of Products Entered	Perfect Score	Judges Points
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FLOWERS: 6 Displays Required

No. of Displays: _____ **150 Points** (_____)

May have two or more containers to display a total of 6 plants of 4 varieties or more plants. Should be at least 4" pots.

FIELD CROPS: 10 Displays Required

No. of Displays: _____ **250 Points** (_____)

May have any of the following field crops as a display. If two varieties of one field crop are used, each variety is a display.

() signifies number required in display.

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| Field corn (3) | Sugar Beets (1) |
| Potatoes (3) | Onions (3) |
| Dry Beans (1 quart) | Grain Seed (1 quart) |
| Grass Seed (1 quart) | |
| Small Seed (1 pint) – Alfalfa, Clover, etc. | |
| Vegetable Seed (any amount) – Lettuce, Carrot, etc. | |
| Dry Peas (1 quart) | |
| Pumpkins (1 large or 3 small) | |
| Any other crop grown locally | |

GARDEN CROPS: 10 Displays Required

No. of Displays: _____ **250 Points** (_____)

May have any of the following garden crops as a display. If two varieties of one garden crop are used, each variety is a display.

() signifies number required in display.

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| Peppers (3 large or 5 small) | Sweet Corn (3) |
| Tomatoes (3 large or 5 small) | Green Beans (10) |
| Red Beets (3) | Cucumbers (1 lg or 3 sm) |
| Pickling Cucumbers (1 qt) | Summer Squash (3) |
| Winter Squash (1) | Cabbage (1) |
| Any other Cole Crop | Garlic (3) |
| Parsnips (3) | Eggplant (1) |
| Tomatillo (5) | Carrots (3) |
| Kohlrabi (3) | Pop Corn (3) |
| Indian Corn (3) | Any other Garden Crop |

FRUITS AND MELON: 6 Displays Required

No. of Displays: _____ **210 Points** (_____)

Varieties must be locally grown.

() signifies number required in display.

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| Apples (3) | Pears (3) |
| Peaches (3) | Plums (3) |
| Nectarines (3) | Watermelon (1) |
| Cantaloupe (1) | Any Other Melon (1) |
| Any Other Fruit | |

(See Open Class for display instructions)

ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT

(Including Labeling) **300 Points** (_____)

Fair Theme* **300 Points** (_____)

(Total display best representing Fair Theme)

Crop of the Year (2026: Seed Crops) 200 Points (_____)

(Display best representing the crop of the year)

TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE 1660 Points (_____)

DIVISION 2 – VEGETABLES AND ROOT CROPS

Attention: Is your entry an Heirloom? If so, you can also enter in Heirloom Division 5.

Premiums: 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$4.00 3rd - \$3.00 4th - \$2.00

SPECIAL AWARDS

Albertsons: “Blue Ribbon Award” - \$25.00 will be awarded to the Exhibitor who accumulates the most Blue Ribbons in the Open Classes 1 – 170 and 228 – 264.

The Western Idaho Fair will present a plaque to the winner of the “Blue Ribbon Award”.

Albertsons will award \$25.00 to the **Superintendent’s “Best of the Best” Awards**. The Agricultural Superintendent will select two of the most exceptional vegetable entries. These will be chosen from the “Best of” finalists in Classes 1 – 170, i.e., Best Bean, Best Root Crop, etc.

Best of the Best Award \$15.00
Reserve Best of the Best Award \$10.00
Superintendent Best of the Best Award \$10.00
 Awarded by **D&B Supply**
Superintendent Reserve Best of Best Award \$5.00
 Awarded by **D&B Supply**



BEANS

10 specimens for each class entered; in pods, 1/2” stems attached.
Each entry should include variety name.

Class:
 1. Green, snap/string, pole or bush (10)
 2. Purple, snap/string, pole or bush (10)
 3. Any other fresh bean not listed (10)
Best Bean \$5.00
 Awarded by **Reggies Veggies**

ROOT CROPS

3 specimens for each class entered unless otherwise noted. Leave tap root and 1-to-2-inch tops. Must be rinsed or brushed clean.
Each entry should include variety name.

Class:
 4. Beets, table variety (3)
 5. Beets, Sugar (1) trim off green tops 1” to 2” & feeder roots 1/2” to 1”. Brush clean.
 6. Carrots, short variety, up to 6”
 7. Carrots 6” and up (3)
 8. Carrots, any other color (3)
 9. Turnips (3)
 10. Any other root crop, not listed (3) (name variety)
Best Root Crop \$5.00
 Awarded by **Reggies Veggies**

COLE CROPS

1 head for each class entered. Cut close at stem end, peel away only 1st outer leaves for cleaning. Must be free of insects.

Each entry should include variety name.
Class:
 11. Cabbage, green (1)
 12. Cabbage, red/purple (1)
 13. Cabbage, Chinese (1)
 14. Broccoli, any color (1)
 15. Kohlrabi, any color, remove root and trim leaflets to 1/4” (1)
 16. Any other Cole Crop (1)
Best Cole Crop \$5.00
 Awarded by **Reggies Veggies**

CORN

Leave 1” stem. Remove all but 2 layers of husk, then remove all husks down the center to expose 4-6 rows of kernels. Remove visible silks.

Each entry should include variety name.
Class:
 17. Yellow (3)
 18. Bi-Color (3)
 19. Ornamental / Indian Corn, 3 specimens – remove all husks, leave top leaves
 20. Dent or silage (2) husks removed
 21. Any other corn not listed (3) (name variety)
Best Corn \$5.00
 Awarded by **Reggies Veggies**

CUCUMBER

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave 1/2” stem attached.

Each entry should include variety name.
Class:
 22. Armenian, up to 18” in length (1)
 23. Lemon (3)
 24. Pickling, gherkin type, up to 3” in length (7)
 25. Pickling, up to 8” in length (3)
 26. Slicing, up to 8” in length (3)
 27. Slicing, over 8” in length (3)
 28. Any other unusual named variety (3)
Best Cucumber \$5.00
 Awarded by **Reggies Veggies**

EGGPLANT

Leave 1 to 2-inch stem attached. Number of specimens for each class in parentheses.

Each entry should include variety name.
Class:
 29. Oval/tear drop variety, large, black to violet (1)
 30. Oval/tear drop variety, large, bi-color (1)
 31. Oval/tear drop variety, small/medium, black to violet (1)
 32. Oval/tear drop variety, small/medium, bi-color (1)
 33. Oval/tear drop variety, small/medium, white to green (1)
 34. Mini, round or long (3)
 35. Elongated, black to violet (2)
 36. Elongated, white to green (2)
 37. Any other named variety (2)
Best Eggplant \$5.00
 Awarded by **Reggies Veggies**

MELONS

Leave stems attached. May be rinsed or wiped clean.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 38. Cantaloupe or muskmelon (1)
- 39. Honeydew, green or orange (1)
- 40. Crenshaw (1)
- 41. Watermelon, ice box size, up to 10 lbs (1)
- 42. Watermelon, large (1)
- 43. Any other Melon, not listed (name variety) (1)

Best Melon \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

ONIONS AND THEIR RELATIVES

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave on ½ inch trimmed roots and 1 inch stem. May remove 2 layers of outer peel for cleaning, but no more. Leave some papery outer skins. They must look like the ones you buy in the store.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 44. Green Onions (5) – leave stems attached
- 45. White (3)
- 46. Yellow (3)
- 47. Red/Purple (3)
- 48. Pearl/Pickling/Boiling (½ pint)
- 49. Leeks, 4” to 6” top, ½” roots (3)
- 50. Shallots, trimmed roots, ½” stem (5)
- 51. Any other (3)

GARLIC

Dry, name variety if known. Leave 1-inch trimmed roots and ½ inch to 1-inch stem. Must be brushed clean.

Class:

- 52. White (3)
- 53. Red (3)
- 54. Elephant/Giant (3)
- 55. Ball Garlic (3)
- 56. Any other Garlic (3)

Best Onion/Garlic..... \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

OKRA

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave stems attached.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 57. Large podded, over 4” (5)
- 58. Small podded, (5)
- 59. Colored varieties other than green (5)

Best Okra \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

PEPPERS AND CHILES

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave stems attached.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 60. Bell, traditional, green (2)
- 61. Bell, traditional, yellow to orange (2)
- 62. Bell, traditional, red (2)
- 63. Bell, traditional, any other color (2) (name variety)
- 64. Bell, extra-large, any color (2)
- 65. Bell, mini, any color (2)
- 66. Bell, hot, any size (2)
- 67. Sweet, elongated shape, up to 6” long (3)

- 68. Sweet, elongated shape, over 6” long (2)
- 69. Sweet, Banana (3)
- 70. Sweet, Pimento (2)
- 71. Sweet, cherry shaped (3)
- 72. Sweet/Spice, large (2)
- 73. Sweet/Spice, small (3)
- 74. Hot, cayenne type, long slender, under 4” long (5)
- 75. Hot, cayenne type, long slender, over 4” long (3)
- 76. Hot, large, wide, triangular shaped (poblano, mulato, etc.)(2)
- 77. Hot, New Mexico type (Anaheim, Big Jim, etc.) over 5” long, 1”-2” wide, green (2)
- 78. Hot, Habanero or bonnet types, green (3)
- 79. Hot, Habanero or bonnet types, orange (3)
- 80. Hot, cherry shaped (3)
- 81. Hot, Jalapeno, traditional (3)
- 82. Hot, Jalapeno, large/extra-large varieties (3)
- 83. Hot, Serano (3)
- 84. Hot varieties, mini, round (Birdseye, etc.) (5)
- 85. Hot varieties, small, under 1” long, green (5)
- 86. Hot varieties, small, under 1” long, red (5)
- 87. Hot varieties, small, under 1” any other color (5)
- 88. Hot varieties, medium, 1”-3” long, green (3)
- 89. Hot varieties, medium, 1”-3” long, yellow to orange (3)
- 90. Hot varieties, medium, 1”-3” long, red (3)
- 91. Hot varieties, medium, 1”-3” long, any other color (3)
- 92. Hot varieties, large, over 3” long, green (2)
- 93. Hot varieties, large, over 3” long, yellow to orange (2)
- 94. Hot varieties, large, over 3” long, red (2)
- 95. Hot varieties, large, over 3” long, any other color (2)
- 96. Any other Pepper or Chile (3)

- 97. Collection of small peppers, hot or sweet, under 3” – must include one each of five different named varieties.
.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4
- 98. Collection of large peppers, hot or sweet, over 3” – must include one each of five different named varieties
.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4
- 99. Collection of peppers, hot or sweet, variety of sizes required – must include one each of five different named varieties.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4

Best Pepper \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

POTATOES

3 specimens for each class entered unless otherwise noted. Must be rinsed or brushed clean.

Each entry should include variety name and/or place where seed potatoes were purchased.

Class:

- 100. Blue (3)
- 101. Russet/Netted Gem type (3)
- 102. Red (3)
- 103. White (3)
- 104. Yellow (3)
- 105. Fingerlings – 5 specimens
- 106. Any other variety, not listed (3)

Best Potato \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**



PUMPKINS AND SQUASH

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave stem attached. Must be rinsed or wiped clean.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 107. Pumpkin, white (1)
- 108. Pumpkin, table/pie (1)
- 109. Pumpkin, jack o’lantern type (1)
- 110. Pumpkin, mini or decorative (3)
- 111. Pumpkin, any other large decorative, named (1)
- 112. Winter Squash, acorn (1)
- 113. Winter Squash, butternut (1)
- 114. Winter Squash, spaghetti (1)
- 115. Winter Squash, any other not listed (1)
- 116. Summer Squash, yellow, crookneck (3)
- 117. Summer Squash, scallop/patty pan type (3)
- 118. Summer Squash, zucchini, green (3)
- 119. Summer Squash, zucchini, yellow (3)
- 120. Summer Squash, round (3)
- 121. Any other Summer Squash, not listed (3)

Best Pumpkin or Squash \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

GOURDS

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave stem attached. Must be rinsed or wiped clean. **Note: Gourds may have been grown the previous year. Gourds that have been cut or decorated must be entered in the Hobby Craft Division.**

Each entry should include variety name.

Class – Dried:

- 122. Small, up to 6” tall (1)
- 123. Medium, up to 18” tall (1)
- 124. Large, over 18” tall (1)
- 125. Bilobal (with a waist) under 10” tall (1)
- 126. Bilobal (with a waist) over 10” tall (1)
- 127. Manipulated, any size (1)

Class – Fresh:

- 128. Decorative varieties that do not dry to a hard shell. Blooms are yellow (3)
- 129. Luffa (1)
- 130. Any other fresh (1)

Best Gourd \$10.00

Awarded by..... **Idaho Gourd Society**

Best Gourd \$20.00

Awarded by..... **D&B Supply**

Best Gourd Rosette

Awarded by..... **The Western Idaho Fair**

Reserve Best Gourd \$5.00

Awarded by..... **Idaho Gourd Society**

Reserve Best Gourd \$10.00

Awarded by..... **D&B Supply**

Reserve Best Gourd Rosette

Awarded by..... **The Western Idaho Fair**



TOMATOES AND TOMATILLOS

Number of specimens for each class in parentheses. Leave stems attached.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 131. Cherry type, round, red (10)
- 132. Cherry type, round, yellow to gold (10)
- 133. Cherry type, pear shape, red or yellow (10)
- 134. Cherry type, any other not listed (10)
- 135. Cherry type, one cluster, stem intact, can be in various stages of maturity.
- 136. Grape type, red (10)

- 137. Grape type, yellow/gold (10)
 - 138. Patio/Container grown, small varieties (6)
 - 139. Patio/Container grown, medium/large (2)
 - 140. Plum type, up to 3” long, red (5) ex. Roma type
 - 141. Plum type, over 3” long, red (5)
 - 142. Plum type, any other color (5)
 - 143. Salad type, not cherry, up to 3” wide, red (3)
 - 144. Salad type, up to 3” wide, pink to purple (3)
 - 145. Salad type, 1” – 3” wide, yellow to gold (3)
 - 146. Salad type, 1” – 3” wide, green or variegated green when ripe (3)
 - 147. Salad type, 1” – 3” wide, any other color (3)
 - 148. Slicing type, over 3” wide, red (3)
 - 149. Slicing type, over 3” wide, pink to purple (3)
 - 150. Slicing type, over 3” wide, yellow to gold (3)
 - 151. Slicing type, over 3” wide, any other color (3)
 - 152. Slicing type, extra large, over 12 oz., any color (1) Will be weighed.
 - 153. Strawberry or heart shape, named (3)
 - 154. Sausage shape, large (ex. banana legs) (3)
 - 155. Tomatillos, green (5)
 - 156. Tomatillos, purple (5)
 - 157. Ground cherry or cape gooseberries, with husks pulled back (8)
 - 158. Any other not listed (3)
 - 159. Collection of small tomatoes, under 3” – must include one each of five different named varieties.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4
 - 160. Collection of large tomatoes, 3” and over – must include one each of five different named varieties.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4
- Best Tomato/Tomatillo \$5.00**
- Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

LEAF TYPE VEGETABLES

Three stems each to be displayed in water. **Each entry should include variety name.**

Class:

- 161. Celery
- 162. Choy
- 163. Collard Greens
- 164. Kale
- 165. Rhubarb
- 166. Swiss Chard
- 167. Any other not listed

Best Leaf Type Vegetable \$5.00

Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES

This category is for all those other vegetables for which there is no class and not many requests for, or there are too many varieties to list.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 168. Miscellaneous vegetable – Large (1)
 - 169. Miscellaneous vegetable – Small (3)
 - 170. Miscellaneous vegetable – Other (2)
- Best Miscellaneous Vegetable \$5.00**
- Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

DIVISION 3 – HERBS

Premiums: 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$4.00 3rd - \$3.00 4th - \$2.00

Albertsons: “Blue Ribbon Award” - \$25.00 will be awarded to the Exhibitor who accumulates the most Blue Ribbons in the Open Classes 171 – 217.

The Western Idaho Fair will present a plaque to the winner of the “Blue Ribbon Award”.

In most cases leaves of herb plants are used for culinary purposes before blooming. Some are allowed to bloom and seed in which case all aspects of the plant are used such as fennel, anise, dill, etc.

CUT SPECIMENS

Culinary Only: Three cut stems in clear, sturdy container. The department will provide a limited number of acrylic vases. However, please be prepared to provide your own. Remove all leaves below water line. Label with herb name. Use variety name if one applies. Use of correct botanical will be considered in case of tie. To prepare your plants for exhibit, it is best to select a few flawless stems of each herb you wish to enter in the early morning, late afternoon or evening (before or after the heat of the day) before entry day. Cut stem extra long at an angle with a very sharp knife. Immediately place in a container of cool water so that stem will draw in moisture. Keep in a cool, shady place until you are ready to groom and prepare items for entry. Please have entries ready for exhibit at check in.

Class:

171. Basil, sweet (classic basil scent)
172. Basil, sweet (classic basil scent), small leaf or bush variety
173. Basil, sweet (classic basil scent), purple or red leaves
174. Basil, sweet (classic basil scent), variegated leaf
175. Basil, sweet (classic basil scent), large or mammoth leaves
176. Basil, lemon
177. Basil, cinnamon
178. Basil, sacred (O.sanctum)
179. Basil, Thai
180. Basil, any other not listed
181. Bergamot
182. Chamomile
183. Chives, regular
184. Chives, garlic
185. Coriander, seed head of cilantro only
186. Dill, leaf only
187. Dill with seed head or bloom
188. Fennel
189. Lavender
190. Marjoram
191. Mint, Chocolate
192. Mint, Spearmint (M.spicata) varieties
193. Mint, Peppermint (M. piperita) varieties
194. Mint, Citrus flavored (lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit)
195. Mint, Other “fruit” flavored mints
196. Mint, Foreign (Vietnamese, Swiss, Jamaican, Korean, etc.)
197. Mint, Any other not listed
198. Parsley – flat
199. Parsley – curled
200. Oregano, common (origanum vulgare)
201. Oregano, any other
202. Rosemary
203. Sage, common, culinary
204. Sage, purple
205. Sage, tri-color
206. Sage, any other
207. Savory, summer or winter

208. Stevia
209. Tarragon
210. Tarragon, French
211. Thyme, English or French
212. Thyme, English or French, variegated or colored leaf (culinary)
213. Thyme, English or French, lemon
214. Thyme, English or French, any other ‘flavored’
215. Any other culinary or medicinal herb not listed that can be displayed in water
216. Any other culinary or medicinal herb not listed that cannot be displayed in water (ginger, lemongrass, etc.)
217. Collection of herbs – five different culinary or medicinal herbs, one stem each, named.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4

CONTAINER GROWN HERB COLLECTIONS

Labeled with variety name when applicable. Must have a drip tray. Premiums for classes 218 & 219:.....\$7 \$6 \$6 \$4

Note: Growing conditions in the building are not ideal. Potted plants will be given the utmost care, but the exhibitor assumes all responsibility. In case of deteriorating plants, the Agriculture Department or The Western Idaho Fair will not be responsible.

Containers will be considered in judging. You may place pot in pot, decorate or paint as appropriate for collection. **Please do not place “items” in container – plants only!**

Class:

218. Collection #1 – The Essentials

A mix of different kind of ‘survival’ herbs, medical or herbal that your home cannot be without.

219. Collection #2 – It’s a Color-A-Fair

Collection of at least three or more named varieties of culinary herbs that accentuate the contrast of colors and textures of the foliage.

Best of Division Awards

D&B Supply.....\$25.00

The Western Idaho Fair..... Rosette

Reserve Best of Division Awards

D&B Supply.....\$15.00

The Western Idaho Fair..... Rosette

DIVISION 4 – SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Premiums: 1st - \$14.00 2nd - \$12.00 3rd - \$10.00 4th - \$8.00

Please note: All produce, and potted plants must have been grown by the Exhibitor. Named varieties are encouraged and any cut stems must have foliage removed below water line. No commercially packaged or sharp items please.

Class:

220. “Tailgating”

Variety of container grown herbs and vegetables that you would use in preparing your favorite tailgate treat. May include you recipe. Display not to exceed 18” x 18”.

221. This is My Table

Bring us your display of garden produce that you love to eat. It can include a variety of one item, i.e. tomatoes, or a collection of items. All items must be edible (flowers included) and home grown. Your choice of container and theme. Please label varieties chosen.

222. Smudge Stick “Honoring Living History”

In tribute to the Native American influence in the original Idaho Intermountain Fair create a smudge using a singular or collective choice of herbs. It can be fresh or dried. Not to exceed 12 inches.

223. **Work of Art**
Combine your fruits and vegetables into a work of art. Can be two or three dimensional, simple or complex You pick the subject. Display not to exceed 18" x 18".
224. **Ristra**
A vertical rope of dried hot peppers, securely constructed & ready to hang for display. Must have been grown in 2024.
225. **Garlic Braid**
A vertical braid of named garlic, securely constructed & ready to hang for display. Must have been grown in 2024.
226. **Onion Braid**
A vertical braid of named onions, securely constructed & ready to hang for display. Must have been grown in 2024.
227. **Other Braid**
A vertical braid of any other named varieties, securely constructed & ready to hang for display. Must have been grown in 2024.

Best of Division Awards

Albertsons	\$10.00
D&B Supply	\$15.00
The Western Idaho Fair	Rosette
Reserve Best of Division Awards	
Albertsons	\$5.00
D&B Supply	\$10.00
The Western Idaho Fair	Rosette

DIVISION 5 – HEIRLOOMS

Definition: An heirloom is a variety that is at least 50 years old and is open-pollinated (can reproduce true from seed). Past generations had a diverse array of vegetables, fruit, flower and herb varieties. These varieties were adapted to the climate, soil conditions, diseases, and insects of their growing regions. Remembering the potato famine in Ireland and considering the genetic engineering being done with our food crops, it is vital that we keep the diverse gene pool of past varieties alive. Thanks to concerned gardeners and seed saving organizations, many old varieties are available to us again. Pay homage to our grandparents and history – try an heirloom this year.

Premiums: 1 st - \$7.00 2 nd - \$6.00 3 rd - \$5.00 4 th - \$4.00
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Follow display requirements listed after each individual class. Each entry should include variety name and, if possible, the year it was introduced to the public.

Class:

- 228. Apples (3)
- 229. Beans, snap/string, pole or bush (5)
- 230. Beets (3)
- 231. Berries, any (½ pint)
- 232. Cabbage (1)
- 233. Carrots (3)
- 234. Cherries (6)
- 235. Corn (2)
- 236. Cucumbers, slicing (2)
- 237. Cucumbers, pickling (3)
- 238. Eggplant, large (1)
- 239. Eggplant, small (3)
- 240. Grapes, plate of (2) clusters
- 241. Kohlrabi (1)
- 242. Melons (not to include watermelon) (1)
- 243. Onions (3)
- 244. Okra (5)
- 245. Pears (3)
- 246. Peaches (3)
- 247. Peppers, hot/spicy, under 4" (3)

<p>14th Annual Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest Sponsored by <i>Mattress Firm</i> MATTRESS FIRM</p> <p>Class 282 Giant Pumpkin Contest First Place: \$100 Class 290 Giant Watermelon Contest First Place: \$50</p>

- 248. Peppers, hot/spicy, 4" and over (3)
- 249. Peppers, sweet (3)
- 250. Plums (3)
- 251. Potatoes (3)
- 252. Pumpkin (1)
- 253. Rhubarb (1)
- 254. Squash, summer (2)
- 255. Squash, winter (1)
- 256. Tomatoes (3)
- 257. Tomatoes, cherry (10)
- 258. Any other heirloom



Best of Division Awards

Albertsons	\$20.00
D&B Supply	\$10.00
The Western Idaho Fair	Rosette
Reserve Best of Division Awards	
Albertsons	\$15.00
The Western Idaho Fair	Rosette

DIVISION 6 – SHEAVES – GRAIN AND GRASS SEED

Premiums: 1 st - \$6.00 2 nd - \$5.00 3 rd - \$4.00 4 th - \$3.00
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Sheaves entered in this class must be at least two inches and not more than four inches in diameter just below bundle head and snugly tied in at least three places and must have been made within the last 2 years.

Exhibitor must provide a sturdy stand or container that will not fall over or entry will not be accepted.

Class:

- 259. Brome Grass
- 260. Orchard Grass
- 261. Barley
- 262. Oats
- 263. Wheat
- 264. Any other sheaf, not to include legume, alfalfa or clover
Grand Champion Sheaf..... Rosette and \$10.00
Awarded by..... **D&B Supply**



DIVISION 7 – “LARGEST DIVISION”

Entries are judged by weight and measurement unless otherwise noted.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
265. Largest Apple	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
266. Largest Beet, Sugar	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00
267. Largest Beet, Table	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
268. Largest Cabbage	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
269. Largest Carrot	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
270. Largest EAR of Corn, Husk on	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
271. Tallest STALK of Corn – measured from ground level to tip (Stalk must be cut off at ground level and free of dirt or will not be accepted)	12.00	10.00	8.00	7.00
272. Largest Armenian Cucumber	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
273. Largest Cucumber	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
274. Largest Eggplant	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
275. Largest Green Pepper	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
276. Largest Garlic	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
277. Largest Cantaloupe	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
278. Largest Kohlrabi	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
279. Largest Onion	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
280. Largest Potato	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00
281. Largest Pumpkin	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
282. Giant Pumpkin Contest – entered for contest only, no premiums (see box to the left)				

- 283. Largest Squash (not zucchini) 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00
- 284. Largest Zucchini Squash 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00
- 285. Largest Sunflower Head (inches across seed head. Must be free of earwigs & other insects) 10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00
- 286. Tallest Sunflower Stalk (measured from ground level to base of head – Stalk must be cut off at ground level and free of dirt or will not be accepted.) 12.00 10.00 8.00 7.00
- 287. Largest Tomato 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00
- 288. Largest Turnip 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00
- 289. Largest Watermelon 9.00 7.00 6.00 5.00
- 290. **Giant Watermelon Contest** – entered for contest only, no premiums (see box on page 9)
- 291. Any other largest produce not listed above 8.00 7.00 4.00 3.00
- 292. Novelty – any unusually shaped vegetable grown naturally, e.g. 3-legged carrot – no props or decorations 8.00 7.00 4.00 3.00

Best of Division Awards

- Albertsons.....\$10.00
- D&B Supply.....\$10.00
- Zamzows.....\$25 Gift Certificate
- The Western Idaho Fair.....Rosette
- Reserve Best of Division Awards**
- Zamzows.....\$10 Gift Certificate
- D&B Supply.....\$5.00
- The Western Idaho Fair.....Rosette



**DIVISION 8 – FRUITS – BERRIES – NUTS
SPECIAL AWARDS**

Albertsons: “Blue Ribbon Award” - \$25.00 will be awarded to the Exhibitor who accumulates the most Blue Ribbons in the Open Classes 293 – 331.

The Western Idaho Fair will present a plaque to the winner of the “Blue Ribbon Award”.

Albertsons will award \$25.00 to the Superintendent’s “Best of the Best” Awards. The Agricultural Superintendent will select two of the most exceptional entries. These will be chosen from the “Best of” finalists in Division 8; i.e. Best Apple, Best Plum, etc.

- Best of the Best Award..... \$15.00
- Reserve Best of the Best Award..... \$10.00
- Superintendent Best of the Best Award..... \$10.00
- Awarded by.....D&B Supply
- Superintendent Reserve Best of Best Award..... \$5.00
- Awarded by.....D&B Supply

Premiums: 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$4.00 3rd - \$3.00 4th - \$2.00

APPLES

Plate of 3 specimens for each class entered, stems attached. May be wiped clean but not polished. **Each entry should include variety name.**

Class:

- 293. Braeburn
- 294. Golden Delicious
- 295. Red Delicious
- 296. Granny Smith
- 297. Jonathon
- 298. McIntosh



- 299. Any other named variety, not listed
- 300. Collection of Apples – three different named varieties
.....\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4
Best Apple..... \$5.00
Awarded by.....Reggies Veggies

APRICOTS AND PEACHES

Plate of 3 specimens for each class entered. **Each entry should include variety name.**

Class:

- 301. Apricots
- 302. Elberta Peach
- 303. J.H. Hale Peach
- 304. Red Haven Peach
- 305. Reliance Peach
- 306. Nectarine, any named variety
- 307. Any other named variety, not listed
Best Apricot/Peach..... \$5.00
Awarded by.....Reggies Veggies

PEARS

Plate of 3 specimens for each class entered, stems attached. **Each entry should include variety name.**

Class:

- 308. Bartlett, red or green
- 309. d’Anjou
- 310. Asian, any variety
- 311. Any other named variety, not listed
Best Pear..... \$5.00
Awarded by.....Reggies Veggies

PLUMS

Plate of 3 specimens for each class entered. **Each entry should include variety name.**

Class:

- 312. President Plum
- 313. Any other named variety plum
- 314. Italian Prune-Plum
- 315. Any other not named variety prune-plum
Best Plum..... \$5.00
Awarded by.....Reggies Veggies

GRAPES

Plate of 2 clusters for each class entered, stems attached. Table or wine varieties. May be rinsed to clean; must be free of insects.

Each entry should include variety name.

Class:

- 316. Green, any named variety, table or dessert
- 317. Blue, any named variety, table or dessert
- 318. White, any named variety, table or dessert
- 319. Red, any named variety, table or dessert
- 320. Pink, any named variety, table or dessert
- 321. Purple/Black, any named variety, table or dessert
- 322. Wine grapes, any named variety
Best Grape..... \$5.00
Awarded by.....Reggies Veggies



BERRIES

One-half (½) pint of berries for each class entered, stems attached. Must be free of insects. **Each entry should include variety name.**

Class:

- 323. Blueberries
- 324. Blackberries or Blackberry Hybrids, any named variety
- 325. Raspberries, any named variety, red or gold
- 326. Strawberries, any named variety
- 327. Currants
- 328. Any other named variety berry, not listed

Best Berry \$5.00
 Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

NUTS

(For shelled nuts check the Culinary Department)

Whole Nuts

- 329. Hazelnuts (5)
- 330. Walnuts (4)
- 331. Any other named variety nut (4)

Best Nut \$5.00
 Awarded by.....**Reggies Veggies**

DIVISION 9 – HONEY

Premiums: 1st - \$7.00 2nd - \$6.00 3rd - \$5.00 4th - \$4.00

Of special interest: Honeybees and other insects are essential to the pollination of vegetables, fruits, and flowers. If this delicate process did not take place, we would not have food.

For entry/judging details, please visit the Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club website www.idabees.org

Class:

Honey – Novice (less than 2 years of experience)

- 332. Beeswax, 2 lbs. Exhibitor must bring own display container.
- 333. Extracted Honey – light, two clear 1 pint jars, unlabeled
- 334. Extracted Honey – medium, two clear 1 pint jars, unlabeled
- 335. Extracted Honey – dark, two clear 1 pint jars, unlabeled
- 336. Creamed Honey – two 1 pint glass jars, unlabeled
- 337. Comb Honey – cut, 2 samples, rectangle or round, unlabeled
- 338. Comb Honey – chunk, 2 samples, one strip of comb in each of two 1 pint jars, unlabeled
- 339. Framed Honey – Submit single frame in self-standing display case
- 340. Exhibition (**Ribbons only, no premiums**): Submit one. Candles, cosmetics, soaps, tinctures, infused honey, photography (photo must display bees and/or bee yard).

Best of Division Awards

D&B Supply.....\$15.00
Western Idaho Fair..... Rosette

Reserve Best of Division Awards

D&B Supply.....\$10.00
Western Idaho Fair Rosette



Honey – Advanced (more than 2 years of experience)

Class:

- 341. Beeswax, 2 lbs. Exhibitor must bring own display container.
- 342. Extracted Honey – light, two 1 lb. Queenline jars, unlabeled
- 343. Extracted Honey – medium, two 1 lb. Queenline jars, unlabeled
- 344. Extracted Honey – dark, two 1 lb. Queenline jars, unlabeled
- 345. Creamed Honey – two 1-pint glass jars, unlabeled
- 346. Comb Honey – cut, 2 samples, rectangle or round, unlabeled
- 347. Comb Honey – chunk, 2 samples, one strip of comb in each of two 1 pint jars, unlabeled
- 348. Framed Honey – Submit single frame in self-standing display case
- 349. Exhibition (**Ribbons only, no premiums**): Submit one. Candles, cosmetics, soaps, tinctures, infused honey, photography (photo must display bees and/or bee yard).

Best of Division Awards

D&B Supply.....\$15.00
Albertsons.....\$15.00

The Western Idaho Fair Rosette
Reserve Best of Division Awards

D&B Supply\$10.00
The Western Idaho Fair..... Rosette

DIVISION 10 – BEER

The 21st Annual Western Idaho Fair Beer Competition.

Sponsored and organized by the Snake River Brewers Club.

This competition will be held prior to the start of the Fair.

Fees: \$7.50 per entry (limited to 5 entries)

Open to all amateur beer makers who will be at least 21 years of age on June 1, 2026

Categories may be collapsed or expanded at the discretion of the judges.

Entry information:

For classes, registration tags, instructions and drop-off locations go to: <http://www.idbeer.org>

Awards will be provided

Again this year: Sockeye Brewing and Western Idaho Fair will choose a beer from first place entries in select styles and awarded the “Beer of the Year” for the fair in 2026!

Winner of 2025 and Western Idaho Fair Beer of the Year 2026: Tyson Sather with Pale Carl Lager

**2026 Crop of the Year:
SEED CROPS**

Please Note:
 In 2027 The Western Idaho Fair will move their starting date from the 3rd Friday in August to the 2nd Friday and from 2028 on it will open on the 1st Friday of August. In addition, it will add a 3rd weekend.

2027 – August 13 – 29
 2028 – August 4 – 20
 2029 – August 3 – 19