

DEPARTMENT C AGRICULTURE

Chairperson: Tim Sayre, 304-760-8095

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 - B: 9-11; and
 - C: Under 9.
4. All exhibits must be from 2025-2026 crops.
5. Only one exhibit per category.
6. Awards: Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.00; White \$1.00
7. Jumbo Awards: Blue \$2.00 (one award per variety)
8. Best of Show \$5.00. (Agronomy or Horticulture)

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Farm Crops: Judges will deduct points for immaturity, cuts or bruises, pest damage, irregularity in shape, color, and overall appearance. Also, do not forget to bind $\frac{1}{4}$ bale hay with twine. Berries must be in plastic containers.
2. Vegetables: Judges will be looking for a nice, firm, mature product, but not overly ripe. Leave stems on vegetables. One inch long when possible. Multiple vegetable displays should be uniform in size and shape. Bind with masking tape such vegetables as rhubarb, turnips, beets, etc. Leave tops on these vegetables.

DIVISION 1 – VEGETABLES

Section 1 – Potatoes (unwashed)

1. Irish Cobbler (12)
2. Kennebec (12)
3. Pontiac (12)
4. Any red variety potato (12)
5. Any other variety (12)

Section 2 – Vegetables

1. Bush Beans, 1 qt.
2. Lima Beans, 1 qt.
3. Pole Beans, 1 qt.
4. Beets, 5
5. Broccoli, 1 bunch

6. Cabbage, 1 head
7. Carrots, 5
8. Cauliflower, 1 bunch
9. Cucumbers, 5
10. Eggplant, 3
11. Garlic, 3
12. Kale or other leafy greens, ½ bag
13. Kohlrabi, 1
14. Okra, 5
15. Onions, Dry, 5
 - a. Green
 - b. White
 - c. Red
16. Peppers, 5
 - a. Bell
 - b. Sweet Banana
 - c. Hungarian Wax
 - d. Chili
 - e. Habanero/Scotch Bonnet
 - f. Jalapeno
 - g. Cayenne
 - h. Other
17. Pumpkins, 1
18. Radishes, 5
19. Rhubarb, 5 stalks
20. Squash, 3
 - a. Zucchini
 - b. Yellow
 - c. Acorn
 - d. Butternut
 - e. Cushaw
 - f. Other
21. Sweet Corn, 5 ears
22. Tomatoes, 5
 - a. Red
 - b. Yellow
 - c. Pink
 - d. Mixed Color
 - e. Grape, Cherry
 - f. Any other variety
23. Turnips, 5
24. Home Garden display must consist of 5 or more different vegetables
25. Miscellaneous

Section 3 – Jumbo Vegetables

(Exhibits must be grown by exhibitor.)

1. Largest Pumpkin
2. Largest Cabbage (wt.)
3. Largest Cucumber (wt.)
4. Largest Tomato (wt.)
5. Largest Watermelon (wt.)
6. Largest Potato (wt.)
7. Largest Pepper (wt.)
8. Longest Carrot
9. Longest Bean
10. Longest Stalk Rhubarb
11. Largest Squash (wt.)
12. Largest Zucchini (wt.)
13. Largest Beet (wt.)
14. Jumbo Onion (wt.)
15. Jumbo Miscellaneous (wt.)

Section 4 – Fruits

1. Apples, 5, any variety
2. Peaches, 5, any variety
3. Pears, 5
4. Plums, 5
5. Grapes, any variety (3 pods)
6. Berries (pt.)
7. Cherries (pt.)
8. Cantaloupe (1)
9. Watermelon (1)
10. Any other fruit variety, 5; or pt. small fruits

Section 5 – Unusual Produce

1. Most unusual vegetable and/or fruit (shape, size, or color)

Section 6 – Herbs

(Fresh and/or Dried)

1. Parsley (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)
2. Oregano (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)
3. Rosemary (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)
4. Basil (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)
5. Sage (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)
6. Dill (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)
7. Any Other Variety (1 sprig; 1 tablespoon dried)

DIVISION 2 – AGRONOMY

Section 1 – Sorghum and Honey

1. Strained Honey (1 quart)
2. Chunk Honey (1 quart)
3. Sorghum (1 quart)

Section 2 – Corn and Cane

1. Ten (10) ears of corn (previous year's crop)
2. Ornamental corn (4 ears)
3. Five (5) stalks of corn (cut at ground level)
4. Quart of shelled corn
5. Five (5) stalks of cane (cut at ground level)

Section 3 – Tobacco

1. Best stalk of tobacco topped
2. Best hand of primings, this year's crop
3. Best hand of tobacco, last year's crop

Section 4 – Small Grains

1. Quart of Oats
2. Quart of Wheat
3. Quart of any other small grain

Section 5 – Forage Crops

(3-4 flakes, tied twice)

1. Alfalfa Hay (> 50% alfalfa)
2. Alfalfa-grass Hay (25- 50% alfalfa)
3. Timothy Hay (1st cutting & < 10% other species)
4. Orchard grass Hay (1st cutting & < 10% other species)
5. Small Grain Hay (1st cutting & < 10% other species)
6. Miscellaneous Grass Hay (1st cutting & < 10% legume)
7. Clover Hay (> 50% clover)
8. Mixed Species Hay (1st cutting of various grasses and 25-50% legume)
9. Second Cutting Grass Hay (<10% legume)
10. Second Cutting Mixed Species (Various grass & 25-50% legume)
11. Straw

DIVISION 3 – EGGS

Section 1 – Eggs

(Submitted by the Dozen)

1. White Eggs
2. Brown Eggs
3. Colored (Blue/Green) Eggs
4. Misc. Eggs (Variety of Color)
5. Misc. Eggs (Species)

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DEPARTMENT D
FOOD PRESERVATION, QUILTING, CRAFTS, ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY,
NEEDLE WORK, AND FLOWERS

Chairpersons:

Tim Sayre, 304-760-8095

Myra Simmons, 304-562-0873

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 - A: 12-17;
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4. Food Preservation:
 - A. All entries must be from 2025-2026 crops.
 - B. All preserved foods must be processed according to current USDA guidelines. For current guidelines, refer to the National Center for Home Food Preservation website (<https://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>) or contact the Extension Office at 304-760-8095.
 - C. Exhibitors must use appropriate Mason-type canning jars as manufactured by many trusted companies such as Ball, Kerr, etc. ***NO mayonnaise, salad dressing, peanut butter, or other types of commercially-canned jars will be permitted. Improper jars will NOT be accepted.***
 - D. Each exhibit should include the date prepared and method of processing, i.e., hot water bath, pressure canner, etc.) **We DO NOT accept canned foods that have not been processed PROPERLY either by hot water bath or pressure canner. We DO NOT accept food entries that require refrigeration.**
 - E. All entries must be prepared by exhibitor.
 - F. One entry per variety.
5. Quilts:
 - A. All entries must have been completed within one year – except old quilts.
 - B. One quilt per type.
 - C. All entries from Quilt Kits should be marked during registration.
 - D. Quilts from Putnam County will have priority for exhibit space. Quilts from other counties will be accepted as exhibit space allows. Quilts will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. Crafts:
 - A. One can exhibit three entries per Section.
7. Arts and Photography:
 - A. Limited to two entries per Section.
 - B. Exhibitors must furnish their own easels.
8. Needle Work:
 - A. One entry per type.
9. Flower Show:
 - A. All classes are open to the public. Commercial growers and dealers not eligible to exhibit.
 - B. One entry per variety in each flower Section.

- C. Exhibitors must furnish own appropriate flower vase for specimens.
 - D. All specimens for Horticulture must be grown by exhibitor.
 - E. Cultivated flowers only. NO wildflowers.
10. All entries must be the work of individual exhibitors. No entries from licensed business will be accepted.

AWARDS:

Blue Ribbon.....	\$ 3.00
Red Ribbon.....	\$ 2.00
White Ribbon.....	\$ 1.00
Best of Show (if any).....	\$ 5.00

**DIVISION 1
FOOD PRESERVATION
(HOME CANNED / DRIED)**

Division Chairperson: Tim Sayre, 304-760-8095

CANNED GOODS: Judges will deduct points for old or rusted rings, improperly sealed, fluid too high or too low, and overall appearance of the food therein. The use of a non-standard canning jar will be reason for elimination.

**Section 1 – Preserves
(Exhibit in Jelly Jars or Pint Jars)**

1. Peaches
2. Pears
3. Cherries
4. Tomato
5. Ground Cherry
6. Blueberry
7. Strawberry
8. Blackberry
9. Raspberry
10. Grape
11. Miscellaneous

**Section 2 – Jams
(Exhibit in Jelly Jars or Pint Jars)**

1. Grape
2. Blackberry
3. Red Raspberry
4. Black Raspberry
5. Strawberry
6. Peach
7. Plum
8. Miscellaneous

Section 3 – Jellies

(Exhibit in Jelly Jars or Pint Jars)

1. Apple
2. Crabapple
3. Blackberry
4. Grape
5. Raspberry
6. Peach
7. Plum
8. Strawberry
9. Corncob
10. Mint
11. Miscellaneous

Section 4 – Butters

(Exhibit in Canning Jars)

1. Peach
2. Apple
3. Plum
4. Pumpkin
5. Hot Pepper
6. Miscellaneous

Section 5 – Fruits

CANNED

(Exhibit in Canning Jars)

1. Peaches
2. Spiced Apples
3. Pears
4. Applesauce
5. Apples, quartered
6. Cherries
7. Blackberries
8. Raspberries
9. Strawberries
10. Miscellaneous

DRIED

1. Fruits
2. Leathers
3. Miscellaneous

Section 6 – VEGETABLES

CANNED

(Exhibit in pint or quart jars)

1. Corn (pints only)
2. Carrots
3. Beets
4. Peas
5. Beans

6. Lima Beans
7. Dried Bean
8. Peppers (red, green)
9. Sweet Potatoes
10. Tomatoes
11. Tomato Juice
12. Vegetable Soup
13. Pumpkin
14. Winter Squash
15. Miscellaneous

DRIED

1. Vegetables
2. Leathers
3. Miscellaneous

Section 7 – Pickles/Sauces/Condiments

1. Beans
2. Kraut
3. Cucumbers (dill)
4. Cucumbers (sweet)
5. Mixed Relish
6. Spaghetti Sauce (with meat)
7. Spaghetti Sauce (without meat)
8. Mustard
9. Beets
10. Peppers
11. Salsa
12. Ketchup
13. Miscellaneous

Section 8 – Meat

CANNED

(Exhibit in pint or quart jars)

1. Beef
2. Venison
3. Pork
4. Chicken
5. Stock/Broth
6. Miscellaneous

DRIED

1. Beef
2. Venison
3. Miscellaneous

DIVISON 2 – QUILTING

Division Chairperson: Myra Simmons, 304-562-0873

Section 1 – Quilts

1. Hand pieced, hand quilted
2. Machine pieced, hand quilted
3. Hand pieced, machine quilted
4. Machine pieced, machine quilted
5. Hand appliqued, hand quilted
6. Machine appliqued, hand quilted
7. Hand appliqued, machine quilted
8. Machine appliqued, machine quilted
9. Tied quilts or comforters
10. Combination quilts (combination of any of the previous methods or other miscellaneous methods in a single quilt)
11. Quilts from a kit
12. Quilts from pre-printed fabric

Section 2 – Baby Quilt

1. Any method

Section 3 – Quilted Wall Hanging

1. Any method

Section 4 – Miscellaneous Quilting

1. Pillow Tops
2. Place Mats
3. Pot Holders
4. Preprinted Fabric items
5. Sweatshirt
6. Other

Section 5 – Group Quilts

Exhibit Only – Not Judged

Section 6 – Old Quilts

Exhibit Only – Not Judged

Please tag with estimated date quilt was made and include a brief history.

DIVISION 3 – CRAFTS

Division Chairpersons:

Tim Sayre, 304-760-8095

Myra Simmons, 304-562-0873

Section 1 – Leather

Section 2 – Metals

Section 3 – Ceramics

- A. Glaze
- B. Stains
- C. Drybrush

Section 4 – Pottery

Section 5 – Wood

Section 6 – Weaving

- A. Basketry
- B. Seat Weaving
- C. Loom Weaving

Section 7 – Handcrafts

Section 8 – Wreaths/Door Hangings

Section 9 – Soaps

Section 10 – Jewelry

Section 11 – Miscellaneous

Section 12 – Children’s Crafts

(Age groups 5-12 and 13-17)

- 1. Plaster of Paris
- 2. Beadwork
- 3. Baskets
- 4. Birdhouses
- 5. Recycled items
- 6. Miscellaneous

DIVISION 4 – ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Division Chairperson: Tim Sayre, 304-760-8095

Section 1 - Painting

- 1. Charcoal
- 2. Ink
- 3. Pencil
- 4. Oil
- 5. Water Color
- 6. Acrylic
- 7. Pastels
- 8. Crayon
- 9. Tole Painting
- 10. Painting on wood, metal, or ceramic
- 11. Miscellaneous

Section 2 – Photography

- 1. Color photographs, any subject
- 2. Black and White photographs, any subject

Section 3 – Miscellaneous Art

- 1. Sculpture
- 2. Wood Cuts
- 3. Diamond
- 4. Stained Glass
- 5. Jigsaw Puzzle
- 6. Legos
 - a. Kits
 - b. Freestyle
- 7. Miscellaneous

DIVISION 5 – NEEDLEWORK

Division Chairperson: Myra Simmons, 304-562-0873

Clothing will be judged on general appearance, clean and well pressed. New work and new ideas will be considered. Please bring entries on hangers and in a clear plastic bag.

Section 1 – Children’s Clothing

1. All Children’s Clothing

Section 2 – Adult Clothing

1. All Adult Clothing

Section 3 – Needlecrafts:

Embroidery, Counted Cross Stitch, Candlewicking, Smocking, Hemstitching, Huck Weaving, Cut Work

1. Dresser Scarf
2. Pillowcases
3. Luncheon Set
4. Pillowcases, sheets
5. Place Mats
6. Cushions
7. Tablecloth
8. C.C.S. a. Aida b. Linen
9. Pocket Book
10. Bed Spread
11. Clothing
12. Towels (2)
13. Miscellaneous

Section 4 – Knitting / Loom

1. Afghan
2. Sweater/Shawl
3. Mittens, gloves
4. Hat/Scarf
5. Infants, Children’s Clothing
6. Vest
7. Miscellaneous

Section 5 – Crochet or Tatting

1. Afghan
2. Bedspread
3. Tablecloth
4. Sweater/Shawl
5. Hat/Scarf
6. Doily
7. Pillowcase Edging
8. Cushions
9. Pocketbook
10. Slippers
11. Booties
12. Miscellaneous

Section 6 – Rugs

1. All Rugs

Section 7 – Macramé

1. All Macrame Items

DIVISION 6 – FLOWERS

Division Chairperson: Myra Simmons, 304-562-0873

Section 1 – Flower Arrangements

1. Permanent flower arrangement (plastic, silk, etc.)
2. Fresh flower arrangement
3. Dried flower arrangement
4. Potpourri (include a list of ingredients)
5. Decorative floral wreath
6. Single flower
7. Miscellaneous flower arrangements

Section 2 – Potted Plants

1. Flowering plant
2. Foliage plant
3. Succulents
4. Potted herbs
5. Hanging
6. Terrariums and planters
7. Miscellaneous

Section 3 – Junior Horticulture

(must be under 18 years of age)

Mark A: 12-17; Mark B: 9-11 years; Mark C: Under 9

Class 1 Cut specimen bloom

- a. Annual
- b. Perennial

Class 2 Potted plants

(pots not to exceed 7 inches)

Class 3 Terrariums and planters

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DEPARTMENT E
PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR BAKING COMPETITION

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Entries

1. Entries must have a 3"x5" recipe card listing all ingredients.
2. All entries must be made from scratch. NO MIXES allowed.
3. In decorating categories, forms or mixes may be used.
4. **PLEASE BRING IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS.** Containers and baked goods **WILL NOT** be returned to the entrant.
5. All entrants must be individuals or non-profit organizations. No bakery may submit an entry under the bakery's name. However, owners and individual employees may submit their own entries under their own names.

Judging

1. Specific judging criteria is listed in the individual contest.
2. AWARDS: 1st \$3; 2nd \$2; 3rd \$1; Best of Fair \$5.
3. Winners will be selected based on the highest point accrual. Please see individual contest rules for point categories.

BAKING COMPETITION
GENERAL RULES

NOTE REGARDING FAMILY COMPETITION (Divisions 3 & 4 below): All breads, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and candy must be prepared by the child with the assistance of the parent, grandparent, or guardian.

1. All breads, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and candy must be prepared by the individual entering the competition.
2. All entries will be judged based on point accrual. There are 100 points possible. Point distribution is as follows:
 - a. Flavor – 30 points
 - b. Overall appearance – 25 points
 - c. Moistness and crumb/texture – 20 points
 - d. Consistency (size and shape) – 15 points
 - e. Creativity (appearance, ingredients, etc.) – 10 points

DECORATING COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

NOTE REGARDING FAMILY COMPETITION (Divisions 3 & 4 below): All breads, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and candy must be prepared by the child with the assistance of the parent, grandparent, or guardian.

1. Cardboard base for cakes must not exceed 13 inches round or square.
2. Any edible or non-edible medium may be used in the decoration of the cake.
3. Decorated cakes will not be judged on flavor.
4. Cakes will be judged based on point accrual. There are 100 points possible. Point distribution is as follows:
 - a. Overall appearance – 30 points
 - b. Creativity/Originality – 30 points
 - c. Difficulty – 25 points
 - d. Consistence (size and shape) – 15 points

DIVISION 1 – GENERAL BAKING

Section 1 – Quick Breads (3 items or one-half a loaf)

Section 2 – Yeast Breads (3 items or one-half a loaf)

Section 3 – Cupcakes (2)

Section 4 – Cakes (1/4 of a cake)

Section 5 – Cookies (3)

Section 6 – Candy (3)

DIVISION 2 – DECORATING

Section 1 – Cakes (whole cake)

Section 2 – Cupcakes (2)

Section 3 – Cookies (3)

Section 4 – Candy (3)

DIVISION 3 – FAMILY BAKING

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Section 4 – Cupcakes (2)

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DIVISION 4 – FAMILY DECORATING

Section 1 – Cakes (whole cake)

Section 2 – Cupcakes (2)

Section 3 – Cookies (3)

Section 4 – Candy (3)

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**DEPARTMENT F
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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DIVISION 1 – FURS

Section 1 – Predators

1. Fox
2. Coyote
3. Miscellaneous

Section 2 – Common

1. Rabbit
2. Raccoon
3. Opossum
4. Skunk
5. Deer
6. Miscellaneous

Section 3 – Water

1. Muskrat
2. Beaver
3. Miscellaneous

DIVISION 2 – CALLS

Section 1 – Deer

Section 2 – Turkey

1. Mouth
2. Box / Slate
3. Miscellaneous

Section 3 – Water Fowl

1. Goose
2. Duck
3. Miscellaneous

DIVISION 3 – FISHING LURES

Section 1 – Flies

Section 2 – Plugs

Section 3 – Spoons

DIVISION 4 – WILDFLOWERS

Section 1 – All Wildflowers

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