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- Exhibit Manager: April Blazich aprilb@bellsouth.net
- Registration deadline Monday, September 15, 2025.
- Pre-registration is required Make your entries early.
- The State of North Carolina will require submission of a NC Substitute W-9 prior to making any payment of \$600 or greater or any payment that results in a total of \$600 or more during one calendar year from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to any individual or entity. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete and upload the NC Substitute W-9 form to prevent any delay in receiving premium prize money.
- Entry tags will be mailed with instructions about your participation.
- Exhibits may be brought to the Vegetables Fruits & Nuts Exhibit in the AgriSupply Exposition Building from 9am until 5pm, starting Saturday, October 11 through Tuesday, October 14, and on Wednesday, October 15 from 9am until noon.
- Keep the claim check from the bottom of your entry tag in order to claim your item after the show.
- The VEG Competition is open to all residents of North Carolina.
- The NC State Fair General Fair Rules for Exhibitors apply. There are additional rules specific to this department on the following pages.
- All products exhibited in this department must have been grown in North Carolina by the person or firm in whose name the exhibit is entered.
- Exhibits must be claimed on Monday, October 27 from 8am until 6pm. Entry tag stubs must be presented to claim items.
- The right is reserved to reject entries not properly entered.
- Display space is limited, there is no guarantee that all exhibits will be displayed.
- Exhibitors with large pumpkins or watermelons may choose to enter the same item in both the NC State Fair categories for (Division 125, Class 01 & 06) and the GPC Weigh-Off (Division 130, Class 01 and 02). Entry forms and rules at the back of this chapter.



DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Except in cases of conflict, in which event the following Rules and Regulations will prevail, the General Fair Rules and Regulations will govern this department.

Entry forms can be found at www.ncstatefair.org under competitions or by contacting the NC State Fair Entry Department at: ncsfCompetitions@ncagr.gov.

Entry Tags will be mailed to you. An Entry Tag must be attached to each exhibit before it is presented in the Department for display. Variety names are to be written on the backs of the tags. If possible, it is urged that all horticulture products be brought in and prepared for exhibit by the exhibitor. Where it is not possible, shipments with copies of previously submitted entry forms sent in by the entry closing date, should be shipped (signature required) in time to reach the Fairgrounds no later than Tuesday, October 14, and should be addressed to:

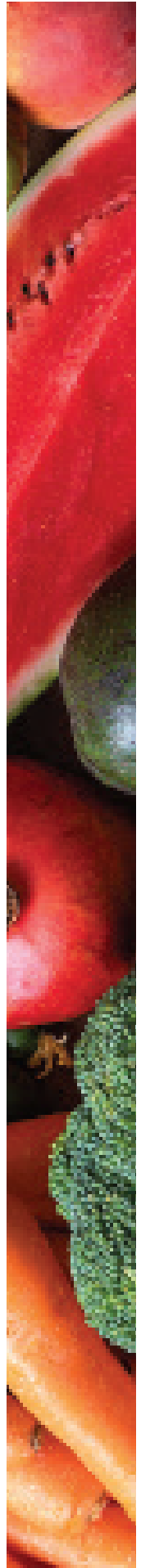
SHIPPED VIA UPS OR FED EX TO:
NC State Fair, Attn. Entry Department
4285 Trinity Road
Raleigh, N. C. 27607

US POST OFFICE TO:
NC State Fair, Attn. Entry Department
1010 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, N. C. 27699-1010

Where it is not possible to personally bring the products to the Fair and arrange them, Superintendents will be glad to arrange the products in the most attractive manner possible. However, they will not pack, plate, box or basket entries for exhibit. Exhibits mailed or shipped to the Fair should be carefully labeled to show the name and address of the exhibitor, and the nature, and class in which entered, and the contents of the package.

The State Fair will furnish plates, trays and boxes for exhibits, but no other containers. The number of specimens for each plate display is specified in the premium list. Standard size tray, 11½ x 18 inches inside measurements and 6 inches deep will be used. Standard size box, 11½ x 18 inches inside measurements and 6 inches deep will be used for commercial sweet potato categories. All other commercial categories will use the 3 inch deep tray. Exhibitors should make a tray of the required dimensions and pack the exhibit to determine the number of specimens required. At least one extra specimen for each plate, and three or four extra specimens for each tray, should be brought or shipped to the Fair to allow for possible damage in transit. To insure uniformity in exhibit material and to facilitate judging, the following sizes for apple varieties will be recognized. This list is not exclusive. The Superintendent may add or delete varieties in order to maintain the overall quality of products on display.

Variety	Diameter
Arkansas	3 to 3½ inches
Braeburn	2¾ to 3 inches
Fuji	2¾ to 3¼ inches
Gala	2¾ to 3¼ inches
Golden Delicious	2¾ to 3¼ inches
Granny Smith	3⅛ to 3⅜ inches
Jonagold	2¾ to 3½ inches
Jonathan	2¾ to 3 inches
Red Delicious and named bud sports	2¾ to 3¼ inches
Rome and named bud sports	3 to 3¾ inches
York and named bud sports	3⅛ to 3⅜ inches



Fruits and vegetables to be exhibited in plates and trays should be carefully wrapped and packed for shipment to the Fair. Wrap separately in paper and pack firmly in a box, taking care to avoid bruising. Label each variety plainly and put in dividers to keep varieties separated. Do not use hay, fodder, excelsior or any other dusty packing material. Any exhibit that rots, is unsightly or becomes unsightly will be removed from display (after judging) at the discretion of the superintendent.

QUALITY - NOT QUANTITY

In selecting horticultural products for exhibit, choose only those specimens that are of uniformly good quality, form and color, true to type, and free from all insect and disease blemishes, and free from cuts and bruises. Premiums offered for the best collection of fruits or vegetables will be awarded mainly on the basis of quality. Do not knock or shake fruit from the tree, but pick each specimen by hand. Products should be exhibited as nearly as possible in their natural state, and no preference will be given for highly polished fruits or vegetables.

Entries of "Commercial" containers of apples and sweet potatoes should be graded to uniform marketable size, high color, smoothness, trueness to type, freedom from cuts and bruises, and free from insect and fungus blemishes. They should be properly packed and placed in containers provided by the N.C. State Fair.

Entries of "Collections" and under "Any Other Variety" must be correctly named on the entry tag by the exhibitor. In the nomenclature of fruits, the names adopted by the American Pomological Society shall rule, and no variety will be accepted that has not been admitted to their catalog, except in the case of seedlings never before exhibited.

Entries of heirloom apples and heirloom tomatoes are limited to named varieties known to have been grown for at least 100 years. Name of variety must be on the back of the entry tag. Grower's name may not be displayed on exhibit until after the judging.

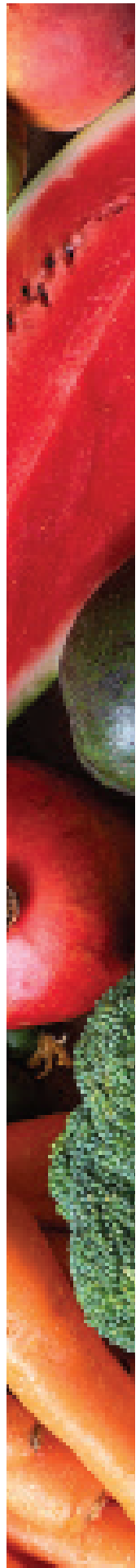
AWARDS AND JUDGING

No award will be made for unworthy specimens, where quality is lacking, or where any of the Rules and Regulations governing these exhibits are disregarded.

No article entered for competition in any class will be permitted to compete for a premium in any other class.

An exhibitor cannot compete for more than one prize in any class.

No exhibitor will be allowed to discuss exhibits with the judges, or to interfere in any way while the judges are at work.



A vertical strip of various fruits and vegetables including watermelon, avocado, tomato, broccoli, and carrots.

Class 02 – SINGLE PLATE GOLDEN DELICIOUS AND NAMED BUD SPORT

- Class 03 – SINGLE PLATE ROME AND NAMED BUD SPORT
- Class 04 – SINGLE PLATE HONEY CRISP
- Class 05 – SINGLE PLATE FUJI
- Class 06 – SINGLE PLATE GALA
- Class 07 – SINGLE PLATE GRANNY SMITH
- Class 08 – SINGLE PLATE JONAGOLD
- Class 09 – SINGLE PLATE CAMEO
- Class 10 – SINGLE PLATE GOLDRUSH
- Class 11 – SINGLE PLATE ARKANSAS BLACK
- Class 12 – SINGLE PLATE ANY OTHER NAMED YELLOW VARIETY
- Class 13 – SINGLE PLATE ANY OTHER NAMED RED VARIETY
- Class 14 – SINGLE PLATE ANY OTHER NAMED BI-COLORED VARIETY

DIVISION 104 - ORCHARD APPLES

PREMIUMS

1st - \$10 2nd - \$9 3rd - \$7 4th - \$6 5th - \$5

- Class 01 – LARGEST APPLE *Largest apple in diameter, one specimen.*
- Class 02 – ANY RED APPLE VARIETY *Any named red variety, five apples per tray.*
- Class 03 – ANY YELLOW OR GREEN APPLE VARIETY *Five apples per tray.*
- Class 04 – ANY OTHER VARIETY *Five apples per tray.*

DIVISION 105 - HEIRLOOM APPLES

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|----------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Class 01 – BEST HEIRLOOM APPLE SINGLE TRAY | \$18 | \$13 | \$11 | \$10 | \$9 |
| Class 02 – BEST HEIRLOOM APPLE PLATE OF FIVE | \$10 | \$9 | \$7 | \$6 | \$5 |

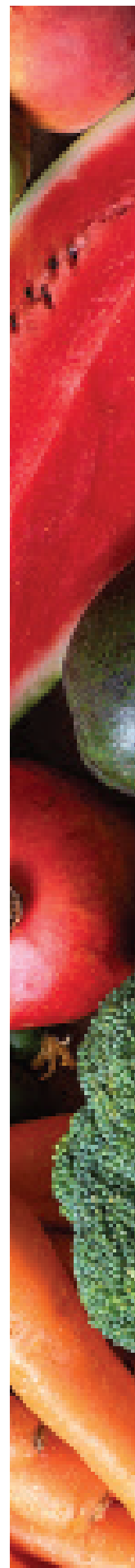
DIVISION 106 - OTHER FRUITS

\$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2 \$1

- Class 01 – CITRUS *Plate of three, same variety*
- Class 02 – POMEGRANATE
- Class 03 – CACTUS FRUIT *Prickly Pear cactus, plate of 3*
- Class 04 – KIWI FRUIT *Plate of 4 or more*
- Class 05 – MOST UNUSUAL FRUIT *Must be edible & labeled*
- Class 06 – ANY OTHER FRUIT
- Class 07 – FRUIT BOWL/BASKET *18 inches maximum size, 3 or more varieties of fruit grown by exhibitor. Nuts grown by exhibitor may be included.*

SPECIAL NOTE TO APPLE GROWERS

Because of the extended duration of the NC State Fair, it is assumed that most, if not all, apples will be out of condition by the end of the Fair. The Superintendent in charge of the fruit exhibit shall determine the method of distribution and any money received from the salvage of the apple exhibit.



APPLE GROWERS SWEEPSTAKES SCORECARD

Place (Points)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Div. 101, Class 1	1600	1460	1320	1180	1010	900	760	620	480	340	220	110
Div. 101, Class 2	1200	1100	1000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100
Div. 101, Class 3	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
Div. 101, Class 4	120	110	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
Div. 101, Class 5	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
Div. 102, Class 1-14	100	90	80	70	60							

SCORE CARD FOR COMMERCIAL APPLE DISPLAY

Over all appearance and originality	25 points
Condition of fruit (freedom from blemish).....	25 points
Uniformity	25 points
Color and Finish	15 points
Trueness to variety	5 points
Size.....	<u>5 points</u>
.....	100 points

SCORE CARD FOR APPLE GIFT BASKETS JUDGING

Package: Appearance and originality, attractiveness of package	40 points
Condition (freedom from blemish).....	30 points
Color and Finish	10 points
Size-uniformity.....	10 points
Types, trueness to variety	<u>10 points</u>
.....	100 points

SCORE CARD FOR APPLE TRAY PACKED BUSHEL BOXES JUDGING

Package:	Compactness, appropriate trays for fruits' size	30 points
Fruit:	Condition (freedom from blemish)	30 points
	Color and Finish	20 points
	Size-uniformity	10 points
	Trueness to variety form	<u>10 points</u>
		100 points

SCORE CARD FOR APPLE PLATES AND TRAYS JUDGING

Package:	Condition (freedom from blemish)	30 points
	Uniformity	25 points
	Color and Finish	15 points
	Size	15 points
	Trueness to variety form	<u>15 points</u>
		100 points

DIVISION 107 - PEARS, SINGLE PLATES

\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2

Class 01 – Keiffer *Five pears*

Class 02 – Any Other Variety *Five pears*

DIVISION 108 - GRAPES

\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2

Class 01 – DARK MUSCADINES *Twenty five grapes*

Class 02 – LIGHT MUSCADINES *Twenty five grapes*

Class 03 – ANY OTHER GRAPE *Twenty five grapes*

DIVISION 109 - PERSIMMONS

\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2

Class 01 – AMERICAN PERSIMMONS *Twenty-five fruits*

Class 02 – ASIAN PERSIMMONS *Five specimens per plate*

DIVISION 110 - NUTS *Nuts must be edible. No acorns or horse chestnuts. Quality may be tested by cracking. No artificial coloring.*

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – PECAN - STUART *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 02 – PECAN - CAPE FEAR *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 03 – PECAN - MAHAN *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 04 – ANY OTHER PECAN *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk, including seedlings.*

OTHER NUTS:

\$8 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2

Class 05 – BLACK WALNUTS *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 06 – HICKORY NUTS *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 07 – CHINESE CHESTNUTS *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 08 – ANY OTHER NUT *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell, not in Husk.*

Class 09 – PEANUTS *Twenty-five Nuts in the Shell*

DIVISION 111 - SWEETPOTATOES *Variety name must be indicated on the entry tag. Display boxes will contain about 30 lbs. SweetPotatoes may be washed but no wax or oil is permitted.*

Class 01 – COMMERCIAL SWEETPOTATO DISPLAY

\$180 \$160 \$150 \$140 \$130 \$120 \$115 \$110 \$105 \$100

Three boxes of any one named orange fleshed variety for fresh market

Class 02 – BEST SINGLE BOX ORANGE SWEETPOTATOES

\$50 \$47 \$44 \$41 \$38 \$35 \$32 \$30 \$26 \$23

Orange fleshed variety - for fresh market

Class 03 – BEST SINGLE BOX OTHER SWEETPOTATOES

\$50 \$47 \$44 \$41 \$38 \$35 \$32 \$30 \$26 \$23

Any variety, other than orange

Class 04 – BEST SINGLE TRAY SWEETPOTATOES

\$35 \$31 \$27 \$24 \$21 \$19 \$17 \$16 \$15 \$14

Any one named variety - for fresh market

Class 05 – BEST SINGLE TRAY CANNING SWEETPOTATOES

\$35 \$31 \$27 \$24 \$21 \$19 \$17 \$16 \$15 \$14

Any one named variety - canning size.

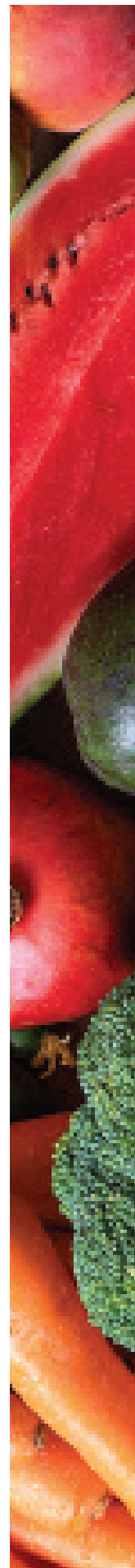
Class 06 – PLATE OF FIVE SWEETPOTATOES

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 07 – PLATE OF FIVE ORGANIC SWEETPOTATOES

Organically grown sweetpotatoes

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5



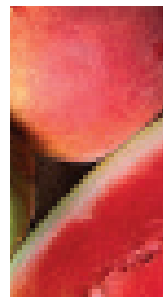
Class 08 – LARGEST SWEETPOTATO

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

Largest sweetpotato by weight

Class 73 – Grower Sweepstakes Awards: Ribbon 1st through 10th places (most points)

Class 74 – County Sweepstakes Awards: Ribbon 1st through 10th places (most points)

**SPECIAL NOTE TO SWEETPOTATO EXHIBITORS**

Sweetpotato exhibits will be sold at current market price by the NC State Fair, and monies will be sent to exhibitors according to the estimated poundage in their entry. Exhibitors wishing to pick up their sweet potato exhibits must inform the Superintendent at the time of entry, and are responsible for picking up their entries on Monday, October 27 by 5:00 pm

SWEEPSTAKES SCORECARD

Lot No.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
65	600	540	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60
66	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40
67	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40
68	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	20
69	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
70	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10

DIVISION 112 - IRISH POTATOES

Class 01 – COMMERCIAL POTATO DISPLAY

\$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5

Class 02 – SINGLE TRAY LIGHT SKIN POTATO

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

Class 03 – SINGLE TRAY KENNEBEC POTATO

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

Class 04 – SINGLE TRAY ANY OTHER POTATO *Any variety*

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

Class 05 – PLATE OF FIVE POTATOES

\$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6

DIVISION 113 - CUCUMBERS

Class 01 – COMMERCIAL DISPLAY

\$45 \$35 \$30 \$25 \$20

Three trays of green slicing cucumbers

Class 02 – SINGLE TRAY DISPLAY

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

One tray of green slicing cucumbers of any one variety

Class 03 – TRAY OF PICKLING CUCUMBERS

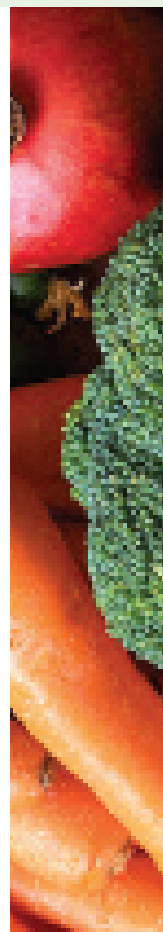
\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

Class 04 – PLATE OF 4 SLICING CUCUMBERS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10

Class 05 – PLATE OF 4 PICKLING CUCUMBERS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10



DIVISION 114 - PEPPERS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – COMMERCIAL PEPPER DISPLAY *3 trays of sweet bell peppers* \$40 \$30 \$25 \$20 \$15

Class 02 – SINGLE TRAY PEPPER DISPLAY *(1st-6th Place Only). One tray of sweet bell peppers*

Class 03 – HABANERO PEPPERS *Five specimens per entry*

Class 04 – JALAPENO PEPPERS *Five specimens per entry*

Class 05 – SERRANO PEPPERS *Five specimen per entry*

Class 06 – HOT, LONG PEPPERS *Any variety longer than Four inches. Five specimens per entry*

Class 07 – HOT, SHORT PEPPERS *Any variety between Four inches & one inch. Five per entry*

Class 08 – MICRO-PEPPERS *One inch and smaller. Ten specimens per entry*

Class 09 – GREEN BELL PEPPERS *Unripe green stage. Four specimens per entry*

Class 10 – RIPE BELL PEPPERS *Ripe colored stage. Four specimens per entry*

Class 11 – MINI BELL PEPPERS *Under 3 inches. Four specimens per entry*

Class 12 – SWEET BANANA PEPPERS *Five specimens per entry*

Class 13 – OTHER SWEET PEPPERS *Any other non-bell pepper. Four specimens per entry*

DIVISION 115 - TOMATOES

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – RED TOMATO VARIETY *Plate of four red stage tomatoes.*

Class 02 – LARGE TOMATO VARIETY *Plate of four.*

Class 03 – SMALL TOMATO VARIETY *Plate of four.*

Class 04 – ROMA/PASTE TOMATO VARIETY *Plate of four.*

Class 05 – HEIRLOOM TOMATO VARIETY *Plate of four.*

COMMERCIAL TOMATOES

\$25 \$22 \$20 \$18 \$16 \$14

Class 06 – COMMERCIAL TOMATO DISPLAY *Three trays (furnished). Early stage. Any one variety.*

Class 07 – COMMERCIAL EARLY TOMATO *Single tray. Early stage. Any one variety.*

Class 08 – COMMERCIAL YELLOW TOMATO *Single tray. Any yellow variety*

Class 09 – LARGEST TOMATO BY WEIGHT *(First - Sixth Place Only)* \$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9

DIVISION 116 - TURNIPS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – PURPLE TOP TURNIPS *No greens. Plate of five.*

Class 02 – ANY OTHER TURNIP VARIETY *No greens. Plate of five.*

DIVISION 117 - OKRA

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – OKRA *Any variety or color. Plate of five.*

DIVISION 118 - BEANS & PEAS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – SNAP BEANS, LONG, ROUND *Plate of ten, round-podded, longer than four inches*

Class 02 – SNAP BEANS, SHORT, ROUND *Plate of ten, round-podded, less than four inches*

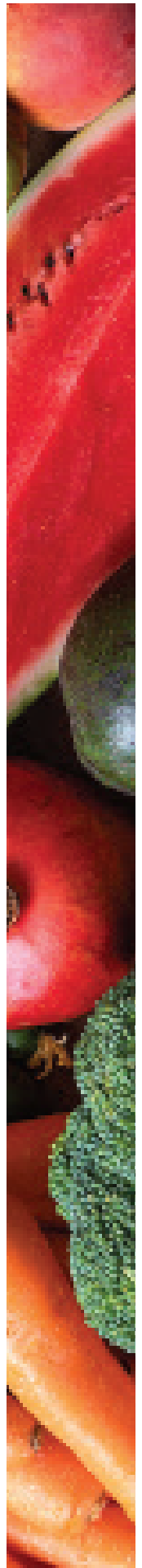
Class 03 – SNAP BEANS, LONG, FLAT *Plate of ten, flat-podded, longer than four inches*

Class 04 – SNAP BEANS, SHORT, FLAT *Plate of ten, flat-podded, less than four inches*

Class 05 – SHELLING BEANS *Plate of ten, fresh shelling stage in hulls*

Class 06 – SOUTHERN PEAS *Plate of ten. Any fresh variety or color. In hulls*

Class 07 – LIMA BEANS *Plate of ten. Any variety.*



DIVISION 119 - SQUASH

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – BITTER MELON *Plate of two.*

Class 02 – CUSHAW SQUASH *Plate of one, any variety.*

Class 03 – BUTTERNUT SQUASH *Plate of two.*

Class 04 – TURBAN SQUASH *Plate of one.*

Class 05 – ACORN SQUASH *Plate of three.*

Class 06 – SPAGHETTI SQUASH *Plate of two.*

Class 07 – YELLOW SQUASH *Crook neck or straight neck. Plate of three.*

Class 08 – ZUCCHINI SQUASH *Any other variety. Plate of three.*

Class 09 – SMALL WINTER SQUASH *Plate of three.*

Class 10 – LARGE WINTER SQUASH *Any other variety. Plate of one.*

Class 11 – SUMMER SQUASH *Any other variety. Plate of three.*

DIVISION 120 - GREENS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – CABBAGE *One medium size head trimmed*

Class 02 – OTHER BRASSICA *Any other variety cabbage family. Plate of one or more*

Class 03 – CUT COLLARDS *One cut head. This vegetable is limited to a three day display. No buckets*

Class 04 – POTTED COLLARDS *Pot size limited to twenty inches.*

Class 05 – BROCCOLI *One medium size head*

Class 06 – MUSTARD GREENS *Potted, size limited to twelve inches*

Class 07 – POTTED SALAD GREENS *Any other green not listed. Pot size limited to twenty inches.*

DIV 121 - MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – SWEET CORN *Plate of two. In Shuck. Judge will shuck*

Class 02 – CULTIVATED MUSHROOMS *Plate of one.*

Class 03 – EGGPLANT *Plate of two.*

Class 04 – ORIENTAL EGGPLANT *Plate of two.*

Class 05 – ROOT VEGETABLES *Plate of three.*

Class 06 – JERUSALEM ARTICHOKEs *Plate of three.*

Class 07 – POP CORN *Plate of three. Any Variety.*

Class 08 – SORGHUM OR SUGAR CANE *Plate of three stems not to exceed eighteen inches.*

DIV 122 - MOST UNUSUAL VEGETABLES

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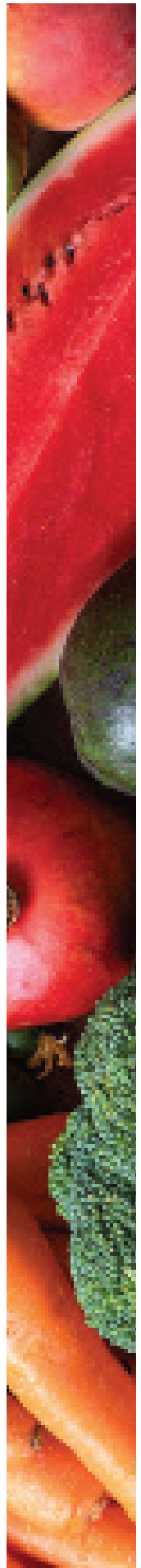
Class 01 – HISPANIC VEGETABLE *Not listed. One or more. Name of vegetable on entry tag*

Class 02 – ORIENTAL VEGETABLE *Not listed. One or more. Name of vegetable on entry tag*

Class 03 – ODDEST SHAPED VEGETABLE *Plate of one or more. No sweetpotatoes.*

Class 04 – ODDEST SHAPED SWEETPOTATO

Class 05 – RAREST EDIBLE VEGETABLE *Plate of one or more. Must be in good condition.
Name of vegetable on entry tag*



DIVISION 123 - VEGETABLE DISPLAYS

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Class 01 – SUNFLOWER HEAD *Largest and best seed head (one).*

Class 02 – DECORATIVE CORN *Dry bundle of three ears, length over five inches.*

Class 03 – DECORATIVE MINI CORN *Dry, miniature three ears, maximum length of five inches.*

Class 04 – STRING OF DRIED RED PEPPERS *Maximum length 4 feet*

DIVISION 124 - SPECIAL DISPLAYS

Class 01 – VEGETABLE DISPLAY

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Vegetable Display in Bowl or Basket, maximum size 18 inches in length and/or width. Display must include at least 6 varieties or types of vegetables, all grown by exhibitor. Other fresh materials may be used. Variety names must be listed on back of entry tag or on an index card.

Class 02 – Pepper Display

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Pretty Peppers, maximum size 18 inches in length and/or width. Display must include at least six varieties of peppers grown by exhibitor. Variety names must be listed on back of entry tag.

Class 03 – Tomato Display

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5

Terrific Tomatoes, maximum size 18 inches in length and/or width. Display must include at least six varieties of tomatoes grown by exhibitor. Variety names must be listed on back of entry tag.

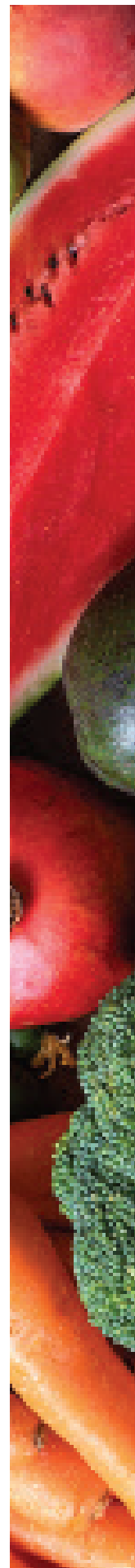
Class 04 – Market Display

\$200 \$180 \$160 \$140 \$120 \$100 \$80 \$60 \$40 \$20

A market display consisting of a minimum of 12 or more different produce items which can include vegetables, fruits and nuts in any combination. Different varieties count as different items. All produce must have been grown in 2024 by the exhibitor(s). Other materials may be used for decorative purposes.

Each display table will be approximately 32" wide by 48" long on a slight slant with a back wall extending to six feet above the floor. Hay bales will be available to use on the floor to extend the display area.

This competition is open to families and commercial farms. Only one entry per family or farm will be accepted. Because of size limitations, entries will be limited to 12 exhibitors. If the number of exhibitors who register exceeds 12, market stands will be assigned by lottery by the NC State Fair Entry Department. All exhibitors who are assigned a market stand will be contacted via telephone. Business signs will be displayed after judging. Contact superintendent with questions if needed.



DIVISION 125 - PUMPKINS & MELONS

Class 01 – HEAVIEST PUMPKIN	\$300	\$275	\$250	\$240	\$230	\$220
<i>Any variety. Largest by weight-must be in good condition. Weighed by the NC State Fair. Pumpkins eight hundred pounds and over should arrange transportation assistance.</i>						
Class 02 – LARGEST PUMPKIN	\$50	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15
<i>Largest by size. True to type, best shape and condition</i>						
Class 03 – SMALL PUMPKIN	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
<i>True to type, best shape and condition. Under ten pounds.</i>						
Class 04 – WHITE PUMPKIN under 30 lbs.	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
<i>True to type, best shape and condition. Under thirty pounds.</i>						
Class 05 – MINI-PUMPKIN	\$15	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9
<i>One pound and smaller. Three per plate.</i>						
Class 06 – HEAVIEST WATERMELON	\$135	\$115	\$95	\$75	\$55	\$45
<i>Largest by weight. Any variety, good condition</i>						
Class 07 – BEST LARGE WATERMELON	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
<i>Largest by size. True to type, best shape and condition</i>						
Class 08 – BEST SMALL WATERMELON	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
<i>Under ten pounds. True to type, best shape and condition</i>						
Class 09 – CANTALOUPE OR MELON	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
<i>Any other, true to type, best shape, color and condition</i>						
Class 10 – BEST FIELD PUMPKIN	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
<i>True to type. No Atlantic Giant</i>						

Exhibitors please note: North Carolina grown pumpkins and watermelons may also be entered in the Great Pumpkin/Watermelon Weigh-Off.
See details on the next page.

Exhibitor must provide help to place pumpkin on display and also help to remove it before 5 pm on Monday, October 27, 2025.

All Watermelon categories sponsored by:



DIVISION 126 - YOUTH DECORATED VEGETABLES

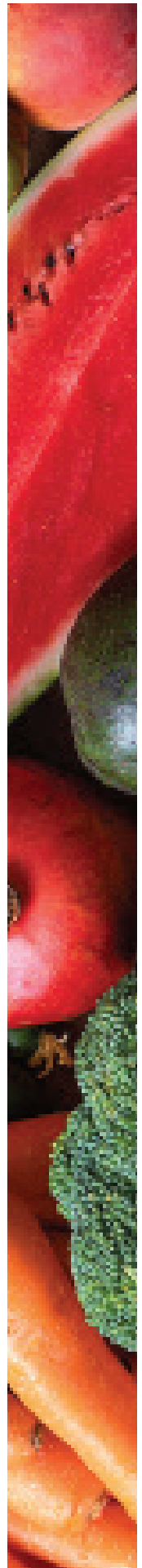
Youth Category - 9 years to 12 years of age, \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3
Age listed on entry form

- Class 01 – YOUTH DECORATED APPLE *Apple may be purchased. Fruit must be visible.*
- Class 02 – YOUTH HOMEGROWN PUMPKIN *Any size, true to type, garden grown.*
- Class 03 – YOUTH DECORATED SMALL PUMPKIN *Under 5 lbs. May be purchased.*
- Class 04 – YOUTH DECORATED SWEET POTATO *May be purchased.*

DIVISION 127 - CHILD DECORATED VEGETABLES

Youth Category - 8 years old and younger, \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3
Age listed on entry form

- Class 01 – CHILD DECORATED APPLE *Apple may be purchased. Fruit must be visible.*
- Class 02 – CHILD HOMEGROWN PUMPKIN *Any size, true to type, garden grown.*
- Class 03 – CHILD DECORATED SMALL PUMPKIN *Under 5 lbs. May be purchased.*
- Class 04 – CHILD DECORATED SWEET POTATO *May be purchased.*



THE NC STATE FAIR / GPC

GREAT PUMPKIN/WATERMELON WEIGH-OFF

The North Carolina State Fair welcomes the opportunity to invite growers from both inside and outside the state to compete in a special contest: The Great Pumpkin/Watermelon Weigh-off! This contest will be open to registrants and will be sanctioned by The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth, (GPC) an international group that is typically enlisted to oversee giant pumpkin weigh-off events.

- Registration ends Monday, September 15, 2025.
- Exhibitors must pre-register with the North Carolina State Fair either online at www.ncstatefair.org or by mailing in a paper entry form in order to compete.
- This competition is open to individuals and farms only. Farms should register under the name associated with their tax identification number.
- You must provide your social security number or tax identification number at the time of registration in order to receive prize money.
- An entry fee of \$5 is required from each exhibitor and can be paid by check when mailing in a paper form, or by credit card if registering online.
- All entries will remain on display after the weigh-off for the duration of the NC State Fair.
- Entries not picked up by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 27 will be discarded.

**\$2,500
BONUS**

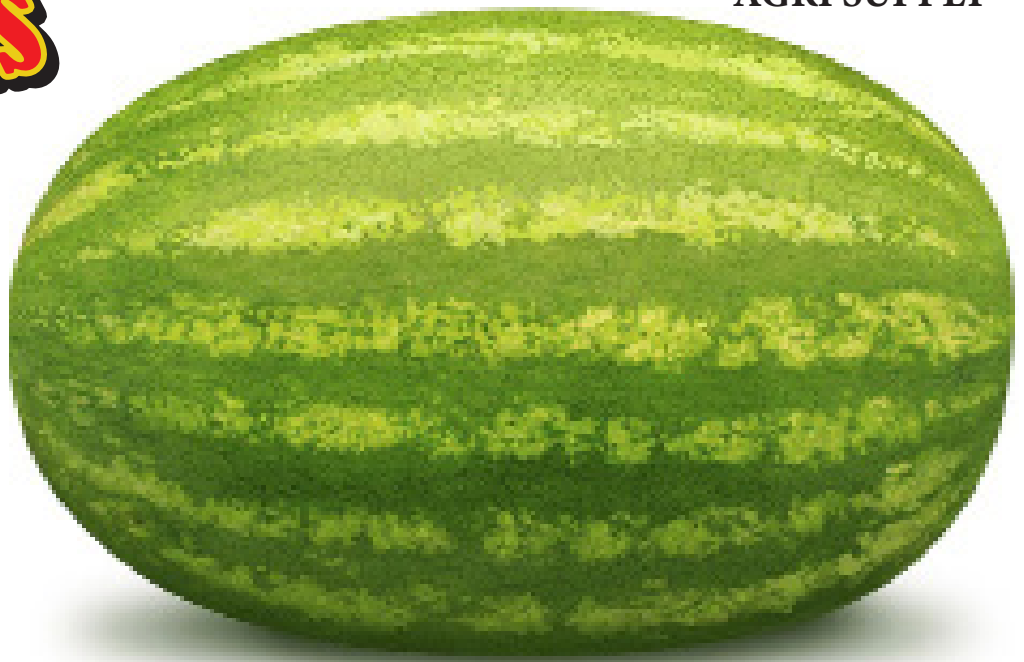
**\$2,500 BONUS
Paid To Any
World Record Breaking
Watermelon.**

Currently **350.5** lbs.

Watermelon must be entered
in and exhibited at the
NC State Fair Giant Pumpkin/
Watermelon Weigh-off.

World record will have to stand
until November 1, 2025

All Watermelon categories
sponsored by:



GPC WEIGH-OFF RULES

1. Specimens must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitor (grower) must be present the day of the weigh-off.
3. Individuals may have one entry per category. Farms may have a total of two entries per category, but only one of the two entries will be eligible for a prize.
4. Pumpkin Color: All fruit, not solid green or gray, will be judged as a pumpkin.
5. Watermelon requirements - any variety or shape.
6. Specimens must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes/cracks through to the cavity, chemical residue and serious soft spots as described in detail in the GPC rules located here: <https://gpc1.org/about/rules/>
Leaking fruit will be disqualified. GPC rules for the judging of watermelons can be located here: <https://gpc1.org/about/rules/>
7. No foreign material is permitted to be included in the weighing. Vines must be trimmed to one inch from the stem of the fruit. The judges reserve the right to fully inspect each specimen before the weigh-off begins and before the weight is announced and becomes official.
8. In the event of a tie, the prize money for those placing will be combined and split equally.
9. The decisions of the judges are final.
10. The Fair takes great care in the receiving and placement of entries; however, the Fair is not responsible for accidental damage or natural deterioration to entries. All entries will remain at the fair for the duration of the fair.
11. Growers may place sponsors signage with their entries. Signage is limited to no more than 8.5 inches by 11 inches in portrait or landscape format. Signage will be placed at the base of the display palette. Limit one sign per sponsor per entry. Fair reserves the right to remove inappropriate signage.

The weigh-off will take place on Tuesday, October 14 at 2:00 pm in the Expo Center (VEG Dept.).

Exhibitors who preregistered to compete will have until 1:00 pm on that Tuesday to have their pumpkins and watermelons in place. Our Public Affairs Office will invite different media outlets to be present to cover the event. Awards will be given to the first through tenth place in each category, along with the Howard Dill award for the most attractive Giant Pumpkin exhibited. In addition to the 1st place prize money by the pound, an incentive bonus of \$250.00 will be awarded if this year's largest watermelon exceeds the NC State Fair's current record of 327.5 pounds. A \$2500 bonus for a World Record Watermelon in excess of 350.5 pounds is available. A grower may not collect both the Site and World record bonus.

DIVISION 130 - GPC WEIGH OFF (\$5 Entry Fee)

Class 01 – GIANT PUMPKIN

Premiums by the Pound	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	75¢	50¢	50¢	50¢	50¢	50¢
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Class 02 – GIANT WATERMELON

Premiums by the Pound	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	75¢	75¢	50¢	50¢	50¢
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DIVISION 100 - GPC SPECIAL AWARDS

Class 01 – HOWARD DILL AWARD \$100

Class 02 – NC STATE FAIR RECORD WATERMELON INCENTIVE BONUS \$250* (currently 327.5 lbs)

Class 03 – WORLD RECORD WATERMELON INCENTIVE BONUS \$2500* (currently 350.5 lbs)

** only one Incentive Bonus will be awarded to the same entry*