

DEPARTMENT 1015

JUNIOR FRUIT, VEGETABLE & DECORATIVE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Friday, September 19th, 2025

Poster & Decorative Wall Hanging: Thursday, September 25th, 2025 (1:00 – 5:30pm)

Groups - Decorative Pumpkins & Veggie Creatures:

Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 (3:00 – 8:00pm)

Individuals - Decorative Pumpkins & Veggie Creatures:

Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 (3:00 – 8:00pm)

Vegetable & Fruit: Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 (3:00 – 8:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 (1:00-4:30pm)

Entry Fee: (online only \$3.00 per exhibitor/group)

RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR CLASS A, B, C. * This is a youth program, parents are allowed to help, but child/children must be present to exhibit. *If a child or children are not present, you will not be allowed to display*.

1. Vegetables and fruits must be grown, selected and arranged by **an individual**. Groups that work on a vegetable garden must enter a plate by having a child choose the vegetable(s) they would like to enter. (It isn't fair for a group to compete against an individual.) Each child needs their own entry form.
2. Exhibitors should keep in mind when selecting specimens that the judge looks for:
 - Uniformity of size, shape and color
 - Trueness of type
 - Proper number of specimens per plate
 - Exhibits in the proper class
 - Washed when necessary
 - **Leave one inch tops on beets and carrots**
 - **Onions should not be peeled**
 - **Stems off field Tomatoes**
 - **Tips left on Beans**
 - **Damaged parts trimmed or removed**
 - **Peppers - same number of lobes**
 - **Condition of, and freedom from blemishes**

3. **Squmpkins** or large overgrown pumpkins **will not** be exhibited in the Jr. dept. These are entered in the adult section, one per family.
4. You must follow all rules and regulations listed, including the entry dates, or you will be disqualified.
5. All exhibits must represent the work of the individual. The child must set up the exhibit for those under 18 or senior in High School.
6. Entries will be screened by department.

AWARDS FOR CLASS A, B, C

1. Only worthy entries will receive prizes at the discretion of the judges.
2. Honorable mention ribbon to be awarded at the discretion of the judge.
3. Sweepstakes rosette will be awarded in both the fruit and vegetable sections for the best plate in the show.
4. A **special award (ribbon)** will be given to: 1. Best pair of pumpkins in the show 2. Best pair of squash in the show
5. All ribbons, awards and entries can be picked up on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 between 1pm and 4:30pm. All monetary awards (1st-5th) will be mailed to you.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025 at 5:00pm**. Exhibits must be set up **Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 from 3:00-8:00pm**. (Judging will begin this very evening. Exhibitors will be asked to leave the Junior area at **8:00 PM**. Please plan accordingly.)

NO EXCEPTIONS: Entries close at 5:00pm on September 19th, 2025.

VEGETABLES

Awards:

FIRST \$6.00

SECOND \$5.00

THIRD \$4.00

CLASS A

LOT

1. Beans, Pole wax, 15 specimens
2. Beans, Pole green, 15 specimens
3. Beans, Pole shell, 15 specimens
4. Beans, green, 15 specimens
5. Beans, purple, 15 specimens
6. Beans, wax, 15 specimens
7. Beans, shell, 15 specimens

8. Beans, lima, 15 specimens
9. Beets, 5 specimens
10. Broccoli, 2 specimens
11. Cabbage, 2 specimens
12. Cabbage, red, 2 specimens
13. Carrots, 5 specimens
14. Danvers Half-Carrot, 5 specimens
15. Cauliflower, 2 specimens
16. Celery, 2 bunches
17. Corn, sweet, husks on, 5 specimens
18. Popcorn, 2 specimens
19. Cucumbers, 2 specimens
20. Pickling cukes, 2 specimens
21. Eggplant, purple, 2 specimens
22. Eggplant, white, 2 specimens
23. Herbs, 3 types in 1 glass container with water
24. Kale, no roots, 1 bunch
25. Lettuce, 2 specimens
26. Onions, yellow, flat or globe type, 5 specimens
27. Onions, white, flat or globe type, 5 specimens
28. Onions, red, flat or globe type, 5 specimens
29. Leeks, 3 specimens
30. Parsnips
31. Peppers, hot red, any type, 5 specimens
32. Peppers, hot green, any type, 5 specimens
33. Peppers, hot yellow, any type, 5 specimens
34. Peppers, sweet green, any type, 5 specimens
35. Peppers, sweet red, any type, 5 specimens
36. Peppers, sweet yellow, any type, 5 specimens
37. Peppers, purple, any type, 5 specimens
38. Potatoes, any smooth skinned late variety, 5 specimens
39. Potatoes, any netted late variety, 5 specimens
40. Potatoes, any red variety, 5 specimens
41. Potatoes, any other, 5 specimens
42. Radishes, 10 specimens
43. Peas, in pods, 5 specimens
44. Snap Peas, in pods, 5 specimens
45. Sweet Potatoes, 3 specimens

Awards:

FIRST \$10.00
SECOND \$8.00
THIRD \$6.00

46. Squash, butternut, 2 specimens
47. Squash, buttercup, 2 specimens
48. Squash, delicious, green, 2 specimens
49. Squash, delicious, golden, 2 specimens
50. Squash, spaghetti, 2 specimens
51. Squash, hubbard, blue, 2 specimens
52. Squash, hubbard, green, 2 specimens

Awards:

FIRST \$6.00
SECOND \$5.00
THIRD \$4.00

53. Squash, summer, yellow, 2 specimens
54. Squash, zucchini, green or yellow, 2 specimens
55. Squash, acorn, green or white, 2 specimens
56. Squash, carnival, 2 specimens
57. Squash, any other winter variety, 2 specimens
58. Swiss Chard, roots removed, 2 specimens
59. Tomatoes, green, any type, stems off, 5 specimens
60. Tomatoes, red, stems off, 5 specimens
61. Tomatoes, red, any plum/pear type, stem off, 10 specimens
62. Tomatoes, cherry, stems on or on branch, 10 specimens
63. Tomatoes, yellow, any plum/pear, stem off, 10 specimens
64. Tomatoes, yellow, any other, stems off, 5 specimens
65. Tomatoes, purple, stem off, 5 specimens

Awards:

FIRST \$12.00
SECOND \$10.00
THIRD \$8.00

66. Pumpkins, field, woody stem, 2 specimens
67. Pumpkins, jack-o-lantern, 2 specimens
68. Pumpkins, white, 2 specimens

Awards:

FIRST \$6.00
SECOND \$5.00
THIRD \$4.00

69. Pumpkins, sugar pie, 2 specimens
70. Pumpkins, jack-b-little, 2 specimens
71. Garlic, 5 specimens
72. Watermelon, 2 specimens
73. Greens, any type, roots on, 2 specimens
74. Gourds, collection of 10 in decorative container
75. Corn, any decorative type, 2 specimens
76. Collection of vegetables 10 or less, in decorative container

Awards:

FIRST \$15.00
SECOND \$13.00
THIRD \$10.00

77. Bushel, any vegetable pack for market

Awards:

FIRST \$6.00
SECOND \$5.00
THIRD \$4.00

- 78. Any other worthy exhibit
- 79. Sunflower- 12" head only

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL RULES

SECTION B: 3'x4' DISPLAYS

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025** at 5 pm. **No Exceptions.** Exhibits must be set up **Thursday, October 2nd, 2025** from 3:00 – 8:00pm.

Judging will begin this very evening. Exhibitors will be asked to leave the Junior area at 8:00pm. Please plan accordingly.

Rules and Regulations

1. This will be an individual event. The youth **MUST BE** 18 yrs. of age or under (proof may be required.)
2. All vegetables must be grown, picked, and arranged by the child.
3. The exhibit shall occupy a space 3 ft wide x 4 ft deep. No taller than 2 ½ feet. Only worthy products should be exhibited. **Each kind of vegetable should be properly labeled** as to variety and in the amounts indicated in Section A. **At least 5** types of vegetables or fruits.
4. Exhibits will be judged accordingly to trueness to type, arrangement, freedom from disease, insect and mechanical injury, also condition and uniformity.
5. The exhibitor should have prepared any canning or decorations used.
6. List of vegetables and variety must be included in the display.
7. Be creative. Choose a theme or design that draws a viewer to your display.
8. The entrant will be disqualified if he or she does not set up his or her own display.
9. Follow dates and times for entry, set up and pick up.
10. Backdrop needed- 3 ft x 2.5 ft tall.

Awards:

FIRST \$30.00
SECOND \$25.00
THIRD \$20.00
FOURTH \$15.00
FIFTH \$10.00

CLASS B

LOT

1. 3'x4' Display

SECTION C: FRUIT

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025** by 5 pm. **No Exceptions: Entries close at 5PM on September 19th, 2025.** Exhibits must be set up Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 from 3:00 – 8:00pm.

Judging will begin this very evening. Exhibitors will be asked to leave the Junior area at 8:00pm. Please plan accordingly.

Awards:

FIRST \$10.00
SECOND \$8.00
THIRD \$6.00

CLASS C

LOT

1. Baldwin, 5 specimens
2. Cortland, 5 specimens
3. Delicious, 5 specimens
4. Delicious, Yellow, 5 specimens
5. Gravenstein, 5 specimens
6. Macoun, 5 specimens
7. McIntosh, early, 5 specimens
8. McIntosh, late, 5 specimens
9. Northern Spy, 5 specimens
10. Wealthy, 5 specimens
11. Crabapples, 10 specimens
12. Spartan, 5 specimens
13. Any other named apple variety, 5 specimens
14. Pears, Bartlett, 5 specimens
15. Pears, Bosc, 5 specimens
16. Pears, Clapps favorite, 5 specimens
17. Any other named Pear variety, 5 specimens
18. Peaches, any variety, 5 specimens
19. Grapes, blue, 3 bunches
20. Grapes, green, 3 bunches
21. Raspberries, 10 specimens
22. Rhubarb, 2 stalks
23. Any other worthy exhibit.

SECTION D: DECORATIVE PUMPKINS

INDIVIDUALS

Child must be present to enter his/her pumpkin.

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025 by 5:00pm**. All individual entries must be brought to the Vegetable Building on **Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 between 3:00 – 8:00pm**.

All entries that you'd like to pick up must be retrieved on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 between 1:00-4:30pm**. Otherwise they will be donated to the food bank. Award ribbons may also be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 from 1:00-4:30pm**.

Rules and Regulations

1. Pumpkins may be decorated in any manner but it must be obvious that a pumpkin is being used.
2. No carving of the flesh please. You may secure decorations with pins, glue, etc.
3. **No artificial fruits or vegetables are to be used.**
4. Pumpkins are not to be taller than 15 inches. The decorative pumpkin must sit in a space 1 foot long, keeping in mind that the shelf is only 8 inches deep. Decorations may be taller, but must be self-supporting and the entry has to be stable enough to move.
5. An exhibitor may only enter once per class.
6. We try to be fair to all. This is why we have so many age groupings. We have family entries for adults who would like to participate with their children. Children entering in an age group must complete their own work.
7. Pumpkins will be judged keeping in mind age, creativity, and the originality of theme.
8. The fair and its committee members are not responsible for damaged or lost items.

Individual Awards:

FIRST \$15.00
SECOND \$12.00
THIRD \$10.00
FOURTH \$6.00
FIFTH \$4.00

(Two prizes may be awarded in the first, second, and third categories as the judge deems worthy.)
Special Award Rosette for Best Individual Entry

CLASS D: INDIVIDUAL - DECORATIVE PUMPKIN LOT

1. 4-6 years old
2. 7-9 years old
3. 10-12 years old
4. 13-15 years old
5. 16-19 years old
6. 20-100 years old

7. Special Needs Individual

GROUPS

Children must help set up.

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025 by 5:00pm**. *****Please note this important date change for Groups: Arrive to set up on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 from 3:00-8:00pm**.

All entries that you'd like to pick up must be retrieved on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 between 1:00-4:30pm**. Otherwise they will be donated to the food bank. Award ribbons may also be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 from 1:00-4:30pm**.

Rules and Regulations

Option 1: Four tiers, each 3 feet long and 8 inches wide (deep). This entry can have a backdrop that is 3 ft wide x 2.5 ft tall. The flat cardboard backdrop must be stapled to the support provided. (no tri-folds please). The group's name **must-not appear** on the backdrop.

Must be secured to a board (or any firm surface) no longer than 18" and no wider than 8".

Option 1A: You may also use just one or two tiers with or without backdrop.

Option 2: Three tiers each 3 feet long and 8 inches wide(deep). The decorations cannot be taller than 18 inches (no backdrop).

Due to space limitations and fairness, a group may not have more than 20 participants. *When registering, priority is given to online registrations.

1. All groups must follow the individual rules when decorating. Please be sure to read them carefully.
2. The single theme should be chosen by the group. Keep in mind there is an award for Best Educational Theme. Please remember that this is strictly a youth contest. Groups will be **disqualified** from the judging if it appears the **adults** are doing the **majority** of the **decorating**. Children must help set-up exhibit.
3. You will be given a specific space to set up in and it is your job to make sure that your exhibit stays within those parameters. (Suggestion: Set up your exhibit at home first.)
4. All groups may have a sign with your group's name printed on it. The sign must be 12 inches long x 3

inches tall. This sign will be turned over after judging. Please use this exact size for uniformity. **No name visible during judging.**

Group Awards:

FIRST \$30.00
SECOND \$25.00
THIRD \$20.00
FOURTH \$15.00
FIFTH \$10.00

Special Rosette for Best Group Entry

CLASS D: GROUPS - DECORATIVE PUMPKIN LOT

8. Scout Troops
9. Schools/ Clubs
10. Special Needs Groups
11. Family Entries

SECTION E: POSTER CONTEST

Theme: “Farm to Table”

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025 at 5:00pm.**

Posters must be brought to the Vegetable Building,
Thursday, September 25th, 2025 between 1:00pm-5:30pm.
Posters are secured high on a barn wall.

All schools, troops, clubs or other groups who want to enter in this individual contest will need to have a contest amongst themselves first. Then a group may enter no more than 3 entries each. We have limited space and want to have as much of the community involved as possible.

Award ribbons will be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 between 1:00-4:30pm.**

All 1st through 5th place awards not picked up will be mailed. Monetary awards will be mailed.

Rules and Regulations

1. Posters may be decorated in any manner keeping in mind the theme, using original artwork- NO computer art.
2. The posters should be no larger than 30” x 30”. Any variation of the theme is acceptable. **Please only use poster board. NO FOAM BOARD.**
3. The posters will be judged for use of theme, creativity, color and public eye appeal.

4. No poster will be hung if the committee feels it may be offensive to the public. Prizes will be awarded as the judge deems worthy.
5. An exhibitor may enter only once in any given class.
6. The fair is not responsible for damaged or lost items.
7. Any entry not believed to be completed by the child will be disqualified.
8. Each poster must be marked clearly with the name, age, full address and phone number on the **back of their poster.**
9. Any posters not picked up – Fair is not responsible for.

Individual Awards:

FIRST \$10.00
SECOND \$7.00
THIRD \$5.00
FOURTH \$4.00
FIFTH \$3.00

CLASS E: INDIVIDUAL – POSTER LOT

1. 4-6 years old
2. 7-9 years old
3. 10-12 years old
4. 13-15 years old
5. 16-18 years old
6. Special Needs Individual

Special Award Rosette will be awarded to the best posters in the show (as judge deems worthy).

CLASS E: GROUPS – POSTER LOT

Group Awards:

FIRST \$20.00
SECOND \$18.00
THIRD \$15.00
FOURTH \$10.00
FIFTH \$8.00
SIXTH \$6.00
SEVENTH \$4.00

The only group entry offered in the poster contest will be:

7. Buddy (maximum of 2-4 entrants working on the same poster)

SECTION F: VEGGIE CREATURES

INDIVIDUALS

Entry forms must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025 by 5:00pm**. All entries must be brought to the Vegetable Building on **Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 from 3:00- 8:00pm**. Exhibitors must leave the Junior Vegetable area at 8:00pm. (Please plan accordingly.)

All entries must be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 from 1:00-4:30pm**, otherwise they will be discarded to the food bank. Award ribbons may be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025** between 1:00-4:30pm. Monetary awards will be mailed. All 1st through 5th place awards not picked up will be mailed.

Rules and Regulations

1. Veggie creatures may be decorated in any manner, but it must be obvious that vegetables are being used.
2. No carving into the flesh of the fruits or vegetables please.
3. Any combination of vegetables allowed. No artificial fruits or vegetables of any kind.
4. Vegetables are not to be taller than 15 inches. Veggie creatures must fit in a space one foot long, keeping in mind the shelving is 8 inches wide. Decorations may be taller, but must be self-supporting and the entry has to be stable enough to move.
5. An exhibitor may only enter once per class.
6. We try to be fair to all. This is why we have so many age groupings. We have a family entry for adults who would like to participate with their children.
Children entering in an age group must complete their own work and be present to exhibit.
7. Creatures will be judged keeping in mind: age, creativity, and originality of theme.
8. The Fair and its committee members are not responsible for any lost or damaged items.

Individual Awards:

FIRST \$10.00
SECOND \$8.00
THIRD \$6.00
FOURTH \$4.00
FIFTH \$2.00

Special Award Rosette for the Best Individual Entry will be awarded.

CLASS F: INDIVIDUAL – VEGGIE CREATURES LOT

1. 4-6 years
2. 7-9 years

3. 10-12 years
4. 13-15 years
5. 16-18 years
6. Special needs Individual

GROUPS

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All entries must be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 from 1:00-4:30pm**, otherwise they will be discarded to the food bank. Award ribbons may be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025** between 1:00-4:30pm. Monetary awards will be mailed. All 1st through 5th place awards not picked up will be mailed.

Rules and Regulations

1. Groups will be as follows:
F7. Scout Troops
F8. Schools/ Clubs
F9. Special Needs Groups
F10. Family Entries- Must be secured to a board (or any firm surface) Entry can be no longer than 18" and no wider than 8".
2. All Groups must follow the Individual rules when decorating. Please be sure to read them carefully.
3. The single theme should be chosen by the group. Keep in mind there are awards for Best Educational Theme and Team Work. Please remember that this is strictly a youth contest.
4. All veggie creature group entries will be displayed on a flat surface with measurements not exceeding 3 feet long x 18 inches wide x 18 inches high.
5. You will be given a specific space to set up in and it is your job to make sure that your exhibit stays within those parameters. (Suggestion: Set up your exhibit at home first.)
6. Groups will be judged on originality of theme, creativity, use of color, and attractiveness of display.
7. All groups should have a sign with your group's named printed on it. The sign must be 12 inches long x 3 inches tall. This sign will be turned over after judging. Please use this exact size for uniformity.
8. *Please be aware of # F3*

Group Awards:

FIRST \$20.00

SECOND \$15.00

THIRD \$10.00

FOURTH \$5.00

FIFTH \$4.00

SIXTH \$4.00

SEVENTH \$4.00

Special Award Rosette for Best Group Entry

CLASS F: GROUPS – VEGGIE CREATURES

LOT

7. Scouts/ Troops
8. Schools/ Clubs
9. Special Needs Groups
10. Family

SECTION G: DECORATIVE HANGING (Wall or Door)

Theme: “Farm to Table”

Entry form must be received by **Friday, September 19th, 2025 by 5:00pm. NO EXCEPTIONS**

All entries must be brought to the Vegetable Building on **Thursday, September 25th, 2025 between 1:00 and 5:00pm.**

All schools, troops, clubs or other groups who want to enter in this individual contest will need to have a contest amongst themselves first. Then a group may enter no more than 3 entries each. We have limited space and want to have as much of the community involved as possible.

All entries must be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 between 1:00-4:30pm**, otherwise they will be discarded.

Award ribbons may be picked up on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 between 1:00-4:30pm**. All 1st through 5th place awards not picked up will be mailed. Monetary awards will be mailed.

Rules and Regulations

1. Decorative Hanging should be no larger than 2 ft. in length, width, or height.
2. Keeping in mind the theme, create a decoration that you would want to hang on your door or wall.
3. The use of natural material is encouraged. However, the decoration is meant to be used at one's home for months, so artificial ingredients are acceptable.

4. It must have a wire attached so that it can be hung on a trellis fence.
5. Only one entry per class.
6. Wall Hangings will be judged for use of materials, color, creativity, public eye appeal and use of theme.
7. You must send in entry forms and bring in exhibits by the dates and themes listed above.
8. Your name, town, age and phone number must be attached to the back of the hanging.

Awards:

FIRST \$10.00

SECOND \$8.00

THIRD \$6.00

Special Rosette Award to the Best Wall Hanging in Show

CLASS G: INDIVIDUAL – DECORATIVE WALL HANGING

LOT

1. 4-6 years
2. 7-9 years
3. 10-12 years
4. 13-15 years
5. 16-18 years
6. Special Needs Individual

SPECIAL AWARDS

METCALF MEMORIAL AWARD: To be awarded to the individual receiving the most ribbons in the entire Junior Vegetable Department.

WOOD MEMORIAL AWARD: To be awarded to the individual receiving the most 1st place ribbons in the Junior Fruit and Vegetable Department.

HENRY J. RANTA MEMORIAL AWARD: For the Best Educational Exhibit in the Junior Vegetable Show.

CARLETON M. STEARNS MEMORIAL AWARD: To the exhibitor with the best plate in the Junior Fruit and Vegetable Department.

SYDNEY A. PORTER MEMORIAL AWARD: Two awards will be given:

- (1) Best Family or Group Entry in Decorative Pumpkin or Veggie Creature.
- (2) Best Individual Entry in Decorative Pumpkin or Veggie Creature.

JIMMY STELLINE INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

AWARD: To the exhibitor who shows knowledge, workmanship, and thoroughness in exhibiting.

OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information