

# DEPARTMENT 2116

## FRUIT EXHIBIT

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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OPEN TO ANY GROWER

All fruit must be grown, selected and arranged by exhibitor.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Entry Receiving: Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
(7:00-9:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: N/A

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

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. EXHIBITS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE FRUIT BUILDING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, BETWEEN 7:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. (NO EARLIER)
2. No exhibit will be entitled to a prize or other award unless it possesses points of superiority; and no award will be made to unworthy objects, though they may be the only ones of their kind on exhibition.
3. No exhibitor shall be permitted to make more than one entry in any class except CLASSES AA1, BB1, A21, A22, A27, C1, E1, E2, G3 and G5.
4. All fruits must be raised by the exhibitor.
5. Meritorious exhibits not listed for premium will receive due recognition.
6. All fruits must be correctly named to receive prizes.
7. Special cases will be arranged for any recognized fruit of merit if there are three entries, or at discretion of the Fruit Committee.
8. All exhibits remain in place until Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Score Card**

- A. Whether the fruit is actually scored or not, the following score card shall be the basis on which all plates shall be judged.
- B. In classes involving more than one variety, the score of fruit shall be considered two-thirds, and the value of the varieties one-third, in awarding Premiums.

C. Points awarded as follows:

Form	10
Size	15
Color	20
Uniformity	20
Condition and freedom from blemishes	35
TOTAL	100

### **EXPLANATION**

1. Form of Fruit: Should be smooth, regular and typical of the variety.
2. Size of Fruit: Not too large, typical of the variety.
3. Color of Fruit: All specimens to be as well-colored as the season permits.
4. Uniformity of Fruit: All specimens must be of the same size, color, ripeness and form.
5. Condition shall include: Freedom from: (a) mechanical injuries, (b) insect injury of all kinds, (c) fungus injuries and excessive spray residue. Hail injury will not disqualify. Apple Maggot will disqualify.

### DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

#### APPLE DISPLAYS

##### **Awards:**

FIRST	\$14.00
SECOND	\$12.00
THIRD	\$10.00
FOURTH	\$6.00
FIFTH	\$6.00
SIXTH	\$6.00
SEVENTH	\$6.00
EIGHTH	\$6.00

##### **CLASS AA**

##### **LOT**

1. Best single layer pack of apples (package provided by the Essex County Fruit Growers Association).
2. Gravenstein (inc. all Red Sports)
3. Early McIntosh
4. McIntosh
5. Cortland
6. Baldwin
7. Macoun
8. Delicious (inc. all Red Sports)
9. Any other variety

APPLES – SPECIAL PLATE PRIZES

**Awards:**  
RIBBON

**Plate Championship** - To exhibitor receiving the largest number of first prize awards on plate exhibits.

**Sweepstake Plate Prize** - For the best plate of Apples, any variety in the show. No special entry necessary. Commercial value of variety to be considered.

**Sweepstake Plate Prize** - For the best plate of Apples, any variety in the show. No special entry necessary. Home growers value of variety to be considered.

FORTY NINE CLASS/ APPLES

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$20.00
- SECOND \$18.00
- THIRD \$15.00
- FOURTH \$10.00
- FIFTH \$10.00
- SIXTH \$10.00
- SEVENTH \$10.00
- EIGHTH \$10.00

**CLASS AC**

**LOT**

- 1. Best 49 Apples- Any red strain
- 2. Best 40 Apples- All others

FORTY NINE CLASS/ PEARS

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$18.00
- SECOND \$15.00
- THIRD \$12.00

**CLASS BB**

**LOT**

- 1. Best 49 Pears of any variety

APPLES – PLATE EXHIBITS - COMMERCIAL

Commercial: 5 specimens

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$10.00

SECOND \$9.00

THIRD \$8.00

**CLASS A**

**LOT**

- 1. Baldwin
- 2. McIntosh (standard)
- 3. McIntosh (Marshall)
- 4. Delicious
- 5. Golden Delicious
- 6. Northern Spy (all strains)
- 7. Idared Reds
- 8. Cortland (standard)
- 9. Red Cortland
- 10. Any other Red Sport
- 11. Roxbury Russett
- 12. Braeburn
- 13. Macoun
- 14. Empire
- 15. Cameo
- 16. Rome Beauty, including all strains
- 17. Gala/All Strains
- 18. Gravensteins
- 19. Red Fuji
- 20. Jonamac
- 21. Any Golden
- 22. Mutsu
- 23. Jonagold
- 24. Granny Smith
- 25. Honey Crisp
- 26. Any other properly named red variety
- 27. Any other properly named variety
- 28. Any other properly named old variety
- 29. Any new variety, properly named
- 30. Any disease resistant variety

CRABAPPLES – PLATE EXHIBITS - COMMERCIAL

Commercial: 10 specimens each

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$8.00
- SECOND \$7.00
- THIRD \$6.00

**CLASS HD**

**LOT**

- 1. Hyslop
- 2. Dolgo
- 3. Any other named variety

APPLES – PLATE EXHIBITS – HOME GROWERS

Home Growers: 3 specimens

**Awards:**

FIRST \$8.00  
SECOND \$7.00  
THIRD \$6.00

**CLASS HG**

**LOT**

1. Baldwin
2. McIntosh
3. Delicious
4. Rhode Island Greening
5. Gravenstein
6. Northern Spy (all strains)
7. Idared
8. Cortland
9. Any other Red Sport
10. Roxbury Russett
11. Spartan
12. Macoun
13. Empire
14. Spencer
15. Golden Delicious
16. Rome Beauty, including all strains
17. Gala
18. Red Fuji
19. Jonamac
20. Any Golden
21. Mutsu
22. Jersey mac
23. Granny Smith
24. Honey Crisp
25. Any other properly named red
26. Any other properly named old variety
27. Any other properly named variety
28. Any new variety, properly named
29. Any disease resistant variety

CRABAPPLES – PLATE EXHIBITS HOME GROWERS

Home Growers: 10 specimens each

**Awards:**

FIRST \$5.00  
SECOND \$4.00  
THIRD \$3.00

**CLASS HC**

**LOT**

1. Hyslop
2. Dolgo
3. Any other named variety

PEARS – PLATE EXHIBITS

Plate must contain 5 specimens each

**Awards:**

FIRST \$10.00  
SECOND \$8.00  
THIRD \$5.00

**CLASS B**

**LOT**

1. Best collection of 3 plates of correctly named varieties with 5 specimens of each variety. (Grower must name each plate when exhibited)

**Awards:**

FIRST \$8.00  
SECOND \$5.00  
THIRD \$3.00

2. Bartlett
3. Bosc
4. Seckel
5. Delicious
6. Anjou
7. Any other named varieties
8. Any properly named Asian varieties

PEACHES – PLATE EXHIBITS

Plate must contain 5 specimens each

**Awards:**

FIRST \$10.00  
SECOND \$8.00  
THIRD \$5.00

**CLASS C**

**LOT**

1. Best collection of 3 plates of correctly named varieties with 5 specimens of each variety. (Grower must name each plate when exhibited.)

**Awards:**

FIRST \$10.00  
SECOND \$8.00

THIRD \$5.00

2. Elberta
3. Sunhigh
4. Belle of Georgia
5. Madison
6. Jersey Lane
7. Jefferson
8. Hale Haven
9. J.H. Hale
10. Rio So Gem
11. Triogen
12. Any other white fleshed named varieties
13. Any other yellow fleshed named varieties

Nectarines

14. Any white fleshed named varieties
15. Any yellow fleshed named varieties

PLUMS – PLATE EXHIBITS

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$10.00  
SECOND \$8.00  
THIRD \$5.00

**CLASS D**

**LOT**

1. Best collection of 2 plates of correctly named varieties with 10 specimens of each variety. (Grower must name each plate when exhibited)

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$8.00  
SECOND \$5.00  
THIRD \$3.00

2. Best plate of any variety (10 specimens) correctly named
3. Other classes at discretion of Fruit Committee

GRAPES – PLATE EXHIBITS

Plate must contain 3 bunches

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$10.00  
SECOND \$8.00  
THIRD \$5.00

**CLASS E**

**LOT**

1. Best collection of 3 plates of correctly named varieties with 3 bunches of each variety. (Grower must name each plate when exhibited)

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$8.00  
SECOND \$5.00  
THIRD \$3.00

2. Concord
3. Worden
4. Moore's Early
5. Freedonia
6. Any other named variety
7. Any seeded white table variety properly named
8. Any seedless white table variety properly named
9. Any seeded red table variety properly named
10. Any seedless red table variety properly named

BERRIES- SMALL PINT EXHIBITS

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$8.00  
SECOND \$5.00  
THIRD \$3.00

**CLASS G**

**LOT**

1. Cranberries, one pint
2. Strawberries (named), one pint
3. Blueberries, any properly named varieties, one pint
4. Raspberries (named), one pint
5. Elderberries, three bunches
6. Currants (pint)
7. Any other properly named variety (pint)

**Awards:**

- FIRST \$12.00  
SECOND \$10.00  
THIRD \$9.00

8. Best exhibit of Strawberries- Nursery Stock, using fruit and foliage

QUINCES – PLATE EXHIBITS

**Awards:**

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

**CLASS F**

**LOT**

1. Best plate of Quinces, named variety (leave in natural condition)

MISCELLANEOUS FRUIT

**Awards:**

FIRST \$8.00  
SECOND \$5.00  
THIRD \$3.00

**CLASS J**

**LOT**

1. Tropical Fruits
2. Any other worthy variety (must be home-grown)

FARM STAND DISPLAY

**Special Rules & Regulations**

1. Only one (1) farm stand exhibit per exhibitor.
2. Entry must be made with the Chairman one week in advance of opening day of Fair.
3. The stand will be 12 feet long, 4 feet high and 3 feet deep. If space is limited Chairman may change display size.
4. The score card, based on a commercial type of display, will be used.
5. General appearance is important.
6. All fruit must be polished.
7. Dummying allowed, but not to be seen.
8. Fruit must be grown by exhibitors.
9. Commercial advertisement is to be encouraged.
10. All signs may be according to the exhibitor's own design.
11. No plastic fruit.
12. Please be aware of the use of flammable items within display.

**Awards:**

FIRST \$150.00  
SECOND \$125.00  
THIRD \$100.00

**CLASS H**

**LOT**

1. Best Farm Stand Display- (Display only)
2. Best Farm Stand Display- (Fruit only) Not over 80 square feet

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

**Awards:**

FIRST \$80.00  
SECOND \$70.00  
THIRD \$60.00

**CLASS H**

3. Exhibit- at least 8 square feet/as space allows

ASSOCIATION DISPLAY

**Awards:**

FIRST \$150.00  
SECOND \$125.00  
THIRD \$100.00

**CLASS H**

**LOT**

4. Varieties of Fruits and Packages. Not less than 80 sq.ft.

**OFFICIAL RULES**

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information