

COMPETITION GUIDELINES CULINARY, PRODUCE, FIELDCROPS 2023 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR

Entry check-in Tuesday, August 22nd between 4:00-7:00pm

STUDY RULES CAREFULLY. Entries will be inspected by a person in charge as they are received to determine if they meet contest rules. Entries that do not conform to rules will be disqualified.

ALL exhibits must be delivered to the Agriculture Building at 4-H Camp Pioneer (beside livestock barn) between 4:00 and 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 22nd. Exhibits can be viewed during designated exhibit hours. Exhibits must remain on display until Saturday closing. Exhibits need to be removed on Saturday, August 26th, between 8:00 and 9:00 pm or on Sunday, August 27th, between 8:30 and 9:30am. Unclaimed entries may be discarded. For food safety reasons, baked goods in certain categories may be discarded at the end of the fair; only ribbons will be distributed for these categories.

- 1. Entries must be registered with the person in charge upon arrival and labeled with supplied tags. To speed this process, tags may be obtained in advance by contacting the West Virginia University Extension Office, 32 Randolph Ave, Suite 102, Elkins, WV 26241 or by calling 304-636-2455.
- 2. All exhibits must have been made/grown by the exhibitor during the 2022-2023 season and must be the product of the home, garden, or farm. To qualify for judging, exhibits must be entered in the proper class as listed. Participants are limited to one entry in each class.
- 3. Canned goods must have been preserved in <u>Mason-type* canning jars</u> of the size specified and sealed with two-piece lids. Leave rings on jars to ensure safety in handling. Rings will be removed by the exhibitor when presented for judging. For canned vegetables, leave 1" headspace; fruits, ½" headspace; jams or jellies leave 1/4" headspace. Judges will consider safety of product when placing canned goods. Please use only USDA tested recipes** when canning.
- 4. Baked goods must be made by the exhibitor from scratch. Exhibitor must exhibit in the quantity specified on **plain disposable plates** in self-closing plastic bags. Cakes may be covered using clear plastic wrap. No entries should be made using a mix or created at a store.
- 5. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, third place, and Best of Show. Exhibits will be placed according to their merit.
- 6. Although proper precautions will be taken, the sponsor is not responsible for loss or damage of entries.
 - *Mason is a type of jar, not a brand. Only Mason jars tempered for home canning are recommended. Mason jars are made in the United States and are of thicker glass and better quality than regular glass jars. Although some establishments sell their own brand of "canning jar," they are made in China and are not tempered for canning. When looking at your canning jars, pints and quarts will have the brand name printed on them (for example, Ball, Kerr, Golden Harvest, Atlas, etc.). Pint and quart jars without the brand name printed on the jar are not acceptable for display.

**USDA tested recipes have been tested for optimal safety. Use only recipes from reputable sources such as USDA, National Center for Home Food Preservation, Extension Service, etc. Do not use methods from canning books published prior to 2006. Keep in mind that ALL CANNED GOODS MUST BE PROCESSED in a water-bath or pressure canner.

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2023 Award List for Culinary, Produce, Field Crops & Crafts

The Randolph County Fair Association will award ribbons for first, second and third place and Best of Show. Point averages of ribbon scores (blue -3, red -2, white -1) will be used to determine highest average for premier exhibitors.

 BAKED GOODS Premier Exhibitor (10 or more exhibits – highest average) Best of Show for each of 6 sections 	Plaque and \$30 \$10
 CANNED GOODS Premier Exhibitor (10 or more exhibits – highest average) Best of Show for each of 5 sections 	Plaque and \$30 \$10
 CULINARY (Baked Goods and Canning Combined) Quantity Exhibitor (for person with most entries) Premier YOUTH Exhibitor (5 or more exhibits – highest average) 	Plaque Plaque and \$15
 PRODUCE Premier Exhibitor (10 or more exhibits – highest average) Quantity Exhibitor Premier YOUTH Exhibitor (5 or more exhibits – highest average) Best of Show for each of 6 sections (Beans, Onions, Peppers, Tomatoes, Potatoes, Fruit) 	Plaque and \$30 Plaque Plaque and \$15 \$10
 FIELD CROP Premier Exhibitor (3 or more exhibits – highest average) 	Plaque and \$30
LARGEST PUMPKIN OR SQUASH • Largest pumpkin or squash (by weight) ○ WEIGHT MUST BE PROVIDED AT CHECK-IN	Plaque and \$30
 CRAFTS Premier Exhibitor (5 or more exhibits – highest average) Premier Youth Exhibitor (3 or more exhibits – highest average) Best of Show (Adult Craft) Best of Show (Youth Craft) Best of Show (4-H Club or Classroom) 	Plaque and \$30 Plaque and \$15 \$10 \$10