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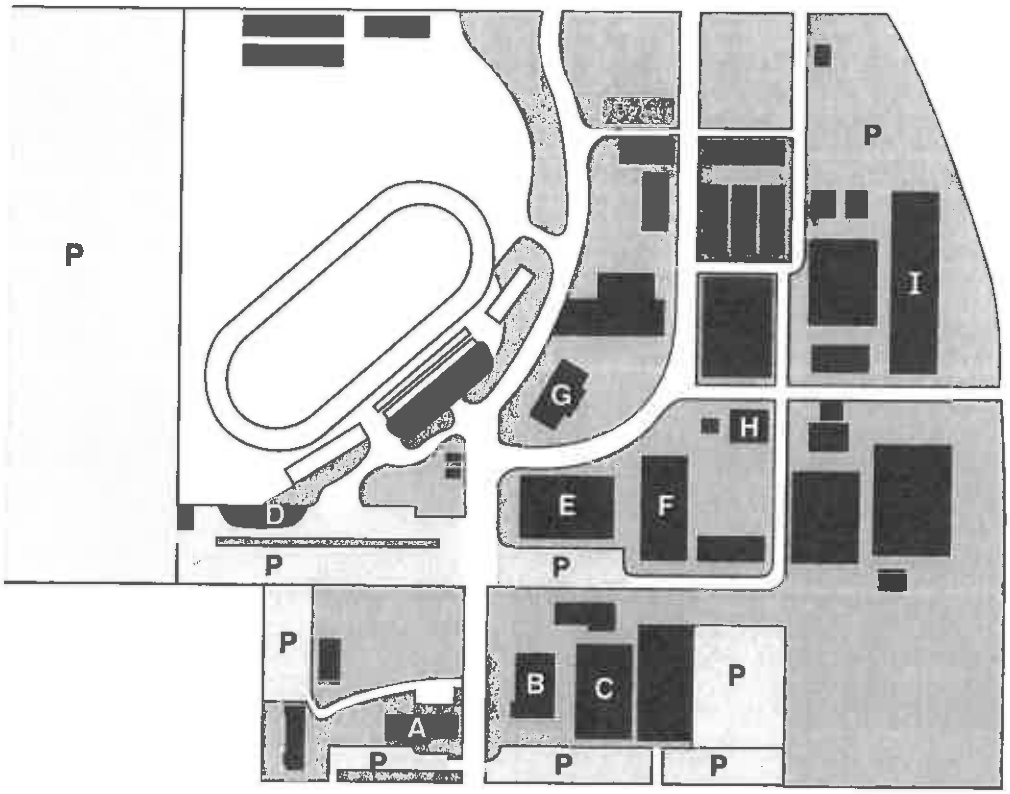

A. Administration

B. Agriculture-Horticulture
Scarecrows, Melon Painting, Harvest Dolls, Tallest Weed

C. Floriculture
4-H Plant Science
Senior, Independent Junior and FFA Floriculture

D. FFA Ag Mechanics Display Area
FFA Ag Mechanics (Large Projects)

E. Merced Pavilion
Fine Arts & Photography:
4-H Photography Projects
Senior/Independent Junior Arts and Crafts, Fine Arts, Cartooning, Photography

Home Arts:
Independent Junior Home Economics
4-H Mini-Member Projects
4-H Home Economics
4-H Miscellaneous Projects
4-H Group Projects
Senior Home Arts
Special "Day of" Contests

F. Half Dome Hall
Ag Mechanics:
4-H Mechanical Science, FFA Ag Mechanics (Small/Medium Projects)

G. Discovering Science

H. Livestock Office

P. Parking Lots

I. Hilmar Cheese Barn

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

California Agriculture Fair Season

On behalf of the State of California, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 fair season.

When we talk about building a California For All, our network of fairs provides an excellent example. Fairs serve communities throughout our great state, and they showcase the breadth of our diversity, inclusivity and innovation.

California's fairs introduce our children to a wondrous agricultural bounty - a point of pride for the Golden State. The livestock competitions, educational exhibits, exhilarating carnival rides, live performances, entertainment, and offerings from local vendors featured at our fairs highlight California's cultural heritage.

As exhibitors, the fair provides you with the opportunity to showcase your hard work and commitment. Through your exhibits, the community learns more about California and its agriculture and values.

Thank you for your support, participation, and for playing a vital role in California's agricultural community.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of the State of California

cdfa CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

December 16, 2019

We can take pride in the fact that California fairs are world leaders in providing educational and competitive exhibits that showcase local communities and their talents, as well as providing a venue for all cultures and lifestyles to promote diversity within the community.

California fairs encourage their communities to learn more about the bounty of California agriculture. They foster the reconnection of consumers to the land and to the people who produce their food.

Fairs are a tradition for families and communities to come together to create lasting memories. However, our fairgrounds are much more than just a place to celebrate. We cannot overlook the events that take place at our fairgrounds throughout the year; from crab feeds to weddings and, as needed during emergency situations, fire camps and evacuation centers.

As we look ahead to the year 2020, I would like to express my appreciation for all fairground's staff, volunteers, and others who share a commitment to serve their local communities. Thank you all very much. Your support of California fairgrounds is invaluable.

Yours truly,

Karen Ross

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Secretary

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June 10th – 14th, 2020
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Regular Office Hours

Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fair Hours	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Daily Fairtime Hours, June 10-14

Wednesday – Friday	5:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	3:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fair Admission Prices

General Admission	$10.00
Senior Admission FREE	Wednesday
Children FREE	Thursday
Children 6 – 12	$5.00
Children 5 and Under	FREE
Parking	$5.00

Exhibit Entry Deadlines

Still Exhibits	May 7th
Livestock Entries	May 7th
Ag/Horticulture	May 21st
Hay Growers	May 21st
Floriculture-Specimens	May 21st
Late Showmanship Entries (online only $20 late fee)	May 28th

Entry forms must be submitted by the deadline dates, hand delivered to the Merced County Fair office by the deadline date before 5 pm. or may be post marked no later than the deadline dates, online by 11:59 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All Livestock and FFA Ag Mechanics entries must be submitted online. The link for online entries can be found by visiting www.mercedcountyfair.com, click the Fair tab.

DATES TO KNOW

ENTRY CLOSING DATES

Date	Time	Entry
Thursday, May 7	By 5:00 pm or on-line by 11:59 pm	All Departments
Thursday, May 21	By 5:00 pm	Hay Growers
Thursday, May 28	By 5:00 pm	Ag-Horticulture Floriculture-Specimens

EXHIBIT RECEIVING AND RELEASE DATES BY DEPARTMENT

Agriculture – Horticulture (Tioga Hall)

Department Exhibits – Adult & Junior

Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables, Scarecrows, Melon Painting, Tallest Weed, Hay Growers and Sculptured Yard Art – "Farm Junk"

	Date	Time	Location
Feature Exhibits -	Saturday, June 6 through Monday, June 8	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Tioga Hall
Feature Exhibit (touch up)	Tuesday, June 9	7:00 am – 9:00 am	
Beans, Vegetables, Fruit, Nuts & Melons, Harvest Characters Scarecrows, Decorated Melons and Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head	Tuesday, June 9	7:00 am – 10:00 am	Tioga Hall
Hay Received	Tuesday, May 26	8:00 am – Noon	Tioga Hall
Yard Art – Farm Junk	Saturday, June 6	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	**Half Dome**
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tioga Hall

Crafts & Hobbies (Merced Pavilion)

Department Exhibits – Adult & Junior

Collections, Models, Recycle Art and Uniquely Challenged Exhibitors

	Date	Time	Location
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion

Fine Arts (Merced Pavilion)

Department Exhibits – Adult & Junior

Theme Contest, Two Dimensional Art, Three Dimensional Art, Cartooning, Uniquely Challenged Exhibitors, Computer Arts/Graphic

	Date	Time	Location
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion

Photography (Merced Pavilion)

Department Exhibits – Adult & Junior

Black & White Prints, Color Prints and Cell Phone Photos

	Date	Time	Location
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion

DATES TO KNOW

Home Arts (Merced Pavilion)

Department Exhibits – Adult & Junior

Clothing, 4-H Divisions, Baking/Confections, Wine & Home Brew, Table Settings, Special Day of Contests, Clothing-Textiles, Quilting, Preserved Foods

	Date	Time	Location
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Received –	Baking, Wine & Home Brew and		
Table Settings	Saturday, June 6	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Pavilion
Contest - Almonds	Wednesday, June 10	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Pavilion
Contest – Salsa	Thursday, June 11	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Pavilion
Contest – Cheese	Friday, June 12	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Pavilion
Contest – Ribs	Saturday, June 13	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Pavilion
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Pavilion

Floriculture

Department Exhibits – Adults and Junior

Professional Gardens, Amateur Gardens, Wheelbarrow Gardens, Cut Flowers Specimens, Arrangements, Wind Chimes, Window Boxes, Garden Bowls, 4-H & FFA Contests

	Date	Time	Location
Gardens Received Gardens First Period & Specimens, Arrangements, Window Boxes, Doors, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Windchimes, Fairy Gardens, Cactus & Succulents, etc. Pedestals, Cut Flowers	Wednesday, June 3 – June 9 Tuesday, June 9	9:00 am – 8:00 pm 9:00 am – 8:00 pm	Floriculture Floriculture
Arrangements	Wednesday, June 10	9 am – 12 pm	Floriculture
FFA Live Floral Contest	Wednesday, June 10	6:00 pm	Floriculture
Second Period Received	Friday, June 12	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Floriculture
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Floriculture

FFA Ag Mechanical Science (Half Dome Hall)

Department Exhibits

	Date	Time	Location
Sm/Med Projects Received	Friday, May 29	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Half Dome
Sm/Med Projects Received	Saturday, May 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Half Dome
Large Projects Received	Saturday, June 6	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Half Dome
All Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Half Dome

Discovering Science (San Joaquin Hall)

Department Exhibits

	Date	Time	Location
Projects Received	Friday, May 29	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	San Joaquin
Projects Received	Saturday, May 30	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	San Joaquin
All Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	San Joaquin

Merced County Fair Guide for First Time Exhibitors

Q: Who Can Enter Exhibits?
A. *Anyone. However, you must be the owner of and the individual, who grew, built, created or raised the exhibit you want to enter.*
Q What does it cost to enter?
A. *Most still exhibits (non-livestock) open class departments have no entry fees. See individual department listings for specific information.*
Q: Can I enter exhibits in more than one department?
A: *Yes, but most departments limit the number of entries per class from any one individual. Individuals are not, however, limited to the number of departments in which they may submit entries. Each department requires an individual entry form which can be downloaded from our website or is in the back of the book.*
Q: How far in advance must I enter an exhibit?
A: *Deadlines vary for individual departments. Refer to the Dates To Know, pages 4 & 5.*
Q: I have an unusual item that I'd like to enter, but don't see a category for it in the handbook. How can I enter my item?
A: *We welcome and encourage unusual projects. Contact the fair office and we will help guide you to the correct department.*
Q: What types of awards/ribbons can I win?
A: *The types of awards and ribbons vary by department. Some departments give nominal cash premiums and trophies, others ribbons only.*
Q: How are the exhibits judged?
A: *There are two types of judging systems used at the fair, the American and Danish Systems.*
- *Under the American System, the judges evaluate all exhibits in the department and selects only one first, one second, one third and so on in each department*
- *Under the Danish System, judges evaluate each exhibit on its own merits (not compared to others) and may give more than one first, second, third or so on.*

Q: Who do I call if I have questions?
A: *Call the Administration Office at 209-722-1506 and we will be glad to help.*
Q: What do I do when I bring my exhibit to the Fairgrounds?
A: *Each department will have signs posted in the front of the building or Fair personnel will direct you to the appropriate building. Be sure to refer to the entry dates and times that are listed in the handbook, pages 4 & 5.*

******* *CASH PREMIUMS* ******

Exhibitors with total premiums earned that are $10.00 or less, will be paid in cash. You may pick up your Cash Premiums on the following dates and times:

Merced Pavilion - Monday, June 15 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fairgrounds Office - Tuesday, June 16 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Any premiums not picked-up by the Exhibitor by Tuesday, June 16, 2020 will be

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Remember – If you don't see a class that meets your exact needs, you can always use "Any Other". Our goal is to increase competition and make it easy for EVERYONE to enter!

FIRST, get a handbook from the fair office or check out the handbook on-line. If you are reading this then step one is done.

1. Look through the book and find the areas that you are interested in entering. There should be a division and class for just about anything.
2. This handbook lists all the departments, divisions and classes that are available for entry.

SECOND, Enter by mail OR in person:

1. Entry form are available at the back of the book, online at www.mercedcountyfair.com, or from the Fair office. All livestock entries must be completed online.
2. Sign your form. Juniors must include their age, grade and have a parent or leader sign.
3. Include a phone number and complete mailing address.
4. Make sure department, division number and class number are clearly listed on the form. Please complete a separate entry form for each department. All entries are required to be on an entry form. Additional sheets NOT on an entry form will NOT be accepted.
5. Enter the classes that you feel best suited for your exhibit. The Fair will attempt to enter exhibits in the proper classes when entries are made in error on the form, however the Fair will not be liable for entries made in error.
6. Refer to the RULES listed in the department you are entering for further information. If you need help, call the fair office at (209) 722-1507 or come in and see us Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
7. Include the total entry fees, with check payable to Merced County Fair. You May also bring your entry form to the Fair office.
8. **ALL PAPER ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMAKED BY THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 OR AS LISTED IN THE PREMIUM BOOK. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Enter On-Line:

1. Create an online exhibitor account at www.mercedcountyfair.com.
2. There is a $2 convenience fee per exhibitor.
3. Once you have an Exhibitor account you are able to enter on-line in the divisions and classes you would like.
4. Make sure you check your e-mail for a confirmation that you are entered. If you do not receive a confirmation, then there was a problem and you are not fully entered. Call the Fair office if you need help with the entry.
5. You may enter up until 11:59 pm, Thursday, May 7, 2020. However it is not recommended waiting until the last day in the event you experience technical difficulties with your computer.
6. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

THIRD, bring your exhibits to the Fairgrounds. Be sure you have noted the receiving days as listed in the premium book, pages 4 & 5. Bring your exhibits between the hours listed and to the building indicated.

GLOSSARY OR TERMINOLOGY:

ADVANCED / PROFESSIONAL: Exhibitor who has achieved a marked degree of expertise in the division or who has sold or made money from their work.
BEGINNER: Exhibitor who as two years or less experience in division.
DISABILITIES/CHALLENGED EXHIBITORS: For persons with learning, developmental or physical disabilities and enrolled in a group facility or Adult Day Program.
INTERMEDIATE: Exhibitor who has two years or more experience in the division.
JUNIOR EXHIBITOR: Persons 19 years of age and younger
ADULT EXHIBITOR: Persons 20 years of age and older

LOCAL RULES

1. All entries must be properly made on forms furnished by the Fair Association. Send entry forms to **Merced County Fair, 900 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Merced, CA 95341.**
2. CLOSING DATES: The management reserves the right to close a class before closing date in the event that all available space has been allotted or to extend closing date, by Board approval, if, prior to closing date, sufficient entries for proper competition have not been received.
3. All entries will be under the direction of the superintendent of the several departments. The fair management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that May occur.
4. All entries are entered at the exhibitor's risk.
5. No exhibit may be removed before 9:00 am, Monday, June 15, 2020.
6. Under no circumstances will a judge award a prize for any entry that does not merit such award. This applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.
7. There must be two or more exhibitors in a division in order to qualify for "best in division" awards.
8. The areas from which entries will be accepted in local and extended classes are designated at department, division or class headings.
9. The State Rules, Species Rules, Health Rules and Judging Standards as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions and published in a separate booklet available at the fair office apply to all entries of this fair.
10. All artwork unclaimed 5 days after removal date becomes the property of the Merced County Fair and will be disposed of unless specific arrangements are made with the Building Superintendent.
11. Unless otherwise noted, entries are limited to residents of Merced, Madera and Stanislaus Counties.
12. Please note: The Fair makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in the exhibitor handbook is accurate and free of typographical errors regarding the awarding of premiums and prizes. The Fair will not be held responsible for awarding duplicate premiums or for items that have been disqualified at the judge's discretion.

STATE RULES

State RULES may be accessed at the following web site:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs_&_Expositions/Documents/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs/2020_State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.pdf

JUDGING SYSTEMS

American - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first place, one second place, one third place, etc.

Danish - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against a scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first place, second place, etc., as merited.

In all Departments using the Danish System, the following guidelines shall be used by judges:

Judging Scale	Danish System	Score	Ribbon
Group 1	Superior	100% - 92%	Blue
Group 2	Good	91% - 84%	Red
Group 3	Average	83% - 70%	White
Group 4	Poor	69 or less	None

FEATURE EXHIBITS DEPARTMENT #1

Chris Bailey, Superintendent

1. Limited to one entry by a county, community, organization or non-commercial entity from within Merced, Madera and Stanislaus Counties.
2. Exhibit must represent the "Always Fresh, Fun & Local" in Merced County.
3. ***Booth must be lit, minimum of 3 lights.***
4. The Agriculture Building (Tioga Hall) will be open for construction and installation of Feature Exhibits the following dates and times:
   Saturday, June 6 through Monday, June 8, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
   Tuesday, June 9, from 7 am - 9 am only for final touch-up of booths prior to judging
5. No one will be allowed in the building during judging.
6. Exhibits Judged, June 9th at 10:00 am
7. LIMIT: one entry per class
8. ONLY FOUR EXHIBIT SPACES AVAILABLE (MUST ENTER IN OFFICE ONLY)

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$375.00	$350.00	$325.00	$300.00

$50.00 "Most Educational Exhibit" Award
$50.00 "Most Attractive Exhibit" Award

Entry Fee: $15.00 per entry per class

Division 1 – Livestock

Feature Exhibits – Should display Livestock, Dairy or Poultry breeding, feeding and/or processing. The subject(s) being featured shall be of significant value to Merced County. Exhibits should be displayed in such a manner as to most attractively inform the public of the value, desirability and interest to the consumer.

Class

1 200 square feet

Division 2 - Agriculture-Horticulture

Feature Exhibits - Agriculture-Horticulture should display one or more reasons why Agriculture-Horticulture products are important in Merced County. Must be presented in such a manner as to most attractively inform the public of the value, desirability and interest to the consumer.

Class

1 200 square feet

ADULT AGRICULTURE-HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT #2

Chris Bailey, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 28	by 11:59 p.m.
Exhibits Received	Tuesday, June 9	7 am – 10 am
Exhibits Received:	Beans, Vegetables. Fruit and	
Nuts, etc.	Tuesday, June 9	7 am - 10 am
Exhibits Released:	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

RULES:

1. Unless otherwise noted, the following applies to all entries in the Agriculture - Horticulture Department. Entries are expected to be judged according to commercial maturity standards. The quality desired in agricultural and horticultural exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market and such exhibits must be at least equal in maturity as that state of ripeness required by Section 42513 of the California Agricultural Code in order to be considered for premium awards.
2. Exhibits stressing features that detract from the commercial value of any produce are undesirable and should be avoided. Any frozen fruit or vegetables will be disqualified.

Section 42513:

"Mature" means having reached that state of ripeness which will insure the completion of the ripening process to a degree which will insure palatability, after the removal of the product from the tree, plant or vine."

Section 42515:

"Overripe" means having an advanced state of maturity which causes the product to be undesirable for human consumption in a fresh state."

Best in Division awarded in each Division
Best of Show Awarded

FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND NUT DIVISIONS

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the type of vegetable desired for exhibit will be the uniform commercial grade rather than overgrown. Monstrosities will not be considered for premium awards. There must be 2 or more entries per Division for awards.

RULES:

1. Limited to Merced County, Madera County, Mariposa County and Stanislaus County Residents, 19 years and older.
2. Variety of products must be adequately and correctly labeled.

3. Exhibitors limited to two entries per class, each listed separately on entry form, unless otherwise noted.
4. No treated grain or seed allowed.
5. All items entered in this department become the property of the fair.
6. ENTRY FORMS DUE - May 28th

Premiums offered per class – Divisions 3 - 13

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: None

Division 3 - Dry Beans and Peas

Bulk - 1 pint in open container

Class

1 Any variety (Identify on entry form)

Division 4 - Fruit and Pod Vegetables

(Plate Display)

Class		
1	Beans, snap, green	12 pods
2	Sugar Snap Peas	12 pods
3	Eggplants	3
4	Pepper, Anaheim	5
5	Peppers, Chili	5
6	Peppers, Jalapeno	5
7	Pepper, Small Hot	7
8	Pepper, Bell	5
9	Pepper, Any Other (Identify on entry form)	5
10	Tomato, Ripe, Round (all stems off)	3
11	Tomato, Cherry (all stems off)	12
12	Tomato, Roma (all stems off)	5
13	Tomato, any other (all stems off) (Identify on entry form)	5
14	Any other Fruit of Pod Vegetable (Identify on entry form)	3

Division 5 - Herbs

Cup Display- 1 bunch of 10 specimens

Class		Class	
1	Basil	7	Parsley
2	Chives, any variety	8	Rosemary
3	Cilantro	9	Thyme
4	Dill	10	Sage
5	Mint	11	Chamomile
6	Oregano	12	Any other (Identify)

Division 6 - Leafy and Stem Vegetables

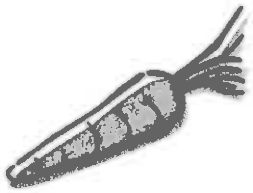
Plate Display

Class

1 Corn, sweet, white or yellow - 3 ears (in husk)
2 Chard, Swiss -1 bunch of 10 specimens
3 Lettuce, any variety – 1 head
4 Kale -1 bunch
5 Any other (Identify on entry form) – display as compared to above products

Division 7 - Root, Bulb and Tuber Vegetables

Plate Display



Class

1 Garlic – 3
2 Onion, Red – 3
3 Onion, Yellow – 3
4 Onion, White – 3
5 Onion, Torpedo – 3
6 Leaks - 3
7 Potato, Red – 5
8 Potato, White – 5
9 Potato, Yellow – 5
10 Yams – 3
11 Beets, garden – 3
12 Any other (Identify on entry form) – (4) specimens

Division 8 - Vine Crops

Plate Display

Class

1 Cucumbers, Armenian – 3
2 Cucumbers, Slicing, green – 3
3 Cucumbers, Pickling, small size – 5
4 Cucumbers, Pickling, dill size – 3
5 Squash, table size, green, zucchini – 3
6 Squash, table size, scallop – 3
7 Squash, table size, yellow – 3
8 Squash, Crookneck, mature – 1
9 Squash, Zucchini, mature – 1
10 Squash, any other, vine crop – (1 Large or mature or 3 small types, Identify on entry form)

Division 9 - Largest Garden Specimens

Class

1 Any variety (Identify on entry form)

Provisions of Section 42513 of the Food and Agriculture Code are not applicable to the following division due to time of year entries are being exhibited.

Division 10 - Deciduous Fruits

Plate Display - Identify variety on entry form

Class

1 Apricots, any variety (4)
2 Nectarines, any variety (4)
3 Peaches, freestone, any variety (3)
4 Plums, any variety (4)
5 Plumcot, any variety (4)
6 Strawberries (6)
7 Cherries (6)
8 Any other (identify on entry form) (display as compared to above products)

Division 11 – Citrus Fruits

Class

1 Grapefruit (3)
2 Lemons (3)
3 Orange (3)
4 Any variety, (3) (identify on entry form)

Division 12 - Nuts

Plate Display - Commercial grades, not less than ½ pound (I Cup)

Class

1 Almonds, shelled
2 Almonds, in shell
3 Walnuts, shelled
4 Walnuts, in shell
5 Pistachios, shelled
6 Pistachios, in shell
7 Any Variety, shelled (identify on entry form)
8 Any Variety, in shell (identify on entry form)

Division 13 - Dried Fruits

Plate Display - Plate to contain not less than 1 cup

Class

1 Apricots, 1 cup
2 Raisins, 1 cup
3 Peaches, 1 cup
4 Apples, 1 cup
5 Cherries, 1 cup
6 Any other dried fruit, 1 cup (Identify on entry form)

HARVEST CHARACTERS

Create your own Harvest Character using any type of produce or combination of produce. Feel free to use paper, fabric, buttons or whatever you need to decorate your character.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 14 - Harvest Characters

Class

1 Fruit
2 Nutshell
3 Vegetable
4 Combined produce

SCARECROW CONTEST

Scarecrow must be self-supported. Any accessories ***must*** be attached to scarecrow.

Limit: Two entries per exhibitor per class

Rosette for "Best of Show" from Junior And Adult Departments

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$50.00	$35.00	$25.00

Entry Fee: None

Division 15 - Scarecrows

Class

1 Exhibitor 19 years and over – No bigger than 3' X 3'
2 Group or family – No bigger than 4' X 4'
3 Business or Club – No bigger than 4' X 4'

SCORECARD FOR SCARECROWS

Originality	33%
Suitability for Garden	33%
Humor or Frightening Ability	33%
Judge's Choice	1%
	100%

MELON DECORATING

Use your imagination to create a festive, fabulous fair melon. You are only limited by your talent and your materials. Any cut or punctured melons will not be accepted.

Limit: Two entries per exhibitor per class

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$10.00	$8.00	$6.00

Entry Fee: None

Division 16 - Melon Decorating

Class

1 Painted
2 Decorated

SCORECARD FOR PAINTED MELONS

Originality	40%
Creativity	30%
Quality of Color	20%
Quality of Melon	10%
	100%

Premiums offered - Divisions 17 & 18 per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: None

Division 17 – Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head

Using any type of potato

Class

1 Adults 19 year and up
2 Children to 18 years

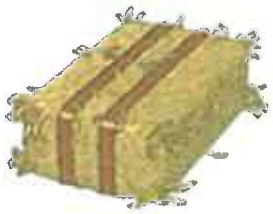
Division 18 – Tallest Weed

RULES: Roots are not used in calculation of height. Entry must be listed in the University of California Extension Weed/Book Manual. Items entered in this division become the property of the fair.

LIMIT: Two entries per exhibitor per class

Class

1 Tallest Weed



HAY GROWERS

RULES:

1. ENTRY FORMS DUE ON OR BEFORE May 21st
2. EXHIBITS RECEIVED Tuesday, May 26th, 8:00 am-12:00 noon. Check in at the Tioga Hall.
3. All entries become the property of the fair
4. Limited to hay growers residing in Merced County, Madera County and Stanislaus County
5. Limit: one entry (1 bale) per division per grower
6. Entries must be from current 2020 crop
7. Entry to be two or three commercial wire standard bales
8. LAB TEST portion of the contest to include taking a sample of the hay and having it tested for specific nutrient content
9. PHYSICAL JUDGING to consist of the hay being judged for baled conformation

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$50.00	$40.00	$30.00	$20.00

Entry Fee: $10.00 per exhibitor

Division 19 - Alfalfa Hay

Class

1 Lab Test
2 Physical Judging

Division 20 - Oat Hay

Class

1 Physical Judging

Division 21 - Winter Forage

Class

1 Physical Judging

YARD ART – FARM JUNK SCULPTURE CONTEST

RULES:

1. **EXHIBITS RECEIVED (Half Dome Hall) Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**
2. Sculpture can be of any medium
3. Exhibit must be self-supporting
4. Both Classes are judged as one by the public
5. Open to individuals of all ages and artistic backgrounds or groups
6. Judging ends Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 9 pm

PEOPLE'S Choice Awards

Premiums offered

1st	2nd	3rd
$120.00	$100.00	$65.00

Entry Fee: None

Division 22 – Yard Art - Farm Junk

Class

1 Yard Art – Farm Junk - small (36" or less)
2 Yard Art – Farm Junk - large over 36 inches

FLORICULTURE - ADULT DEPARTMENT #3

Bunnie Becker, Superintendent

Garden Construction	Wednesday, June 3 thru Tuesday, June 9, 9 am – 8 pm
First Period, Specimens, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, etc.	Tuesday, June 9, 9 am – 8 pm
Pedestal Arrangements, Cut Flowers	Wednesday, June 10, 9 am–12 pm
"Chopped Gone Floral" FFA Contest	Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 pm
Second Period Received	Friday, June 12, 9 am – 12 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15, 9 am – 5 pm

RULES:

1. Exhibitors must reside within Merced, Madera, Mariposa or Stanislaus Counties. Exhibit must have been grown therein, by exhibitor, except classes for arrangements and gardens.
2. Parking for Floriculture on Martin Luther King Jr. Way on receiving days only.
3. Entry forms for all divisions, except specimens, due on or before May 7. Specimen division entry forms due on or before May 28th.
4. **Caring for and checking your Exhibits:** Please check your exhibits; replenish or refresh arrangements and specimens each morning. The floriculture building will be open for this convenience between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm each day during the fair. Enter the fairgrounds using the Floriculture Gate on Martin Luther King Jr Way.
7. Floriculture Department Glossary:
   Open - open to any Amateur exhibitor - no limitations.
   Novice - one who has not won more than 5 blue ribbons in the arrangement divisions of organized flower shows.
   Intermediate - one who has won more than 5 but not more than 15 blue ribbons in the arrangement divisions of organized flower shows.
   Advanced - one who has won more than 15 but not more than 25 blue ribbons in the arrangement divisions of organized flower shows.
   Master - one who has won more than 25 blue ribbons in the arrangement divisions of organized flower shows.
8. **There must be two or more exhibitors in a division in order to qualify for "Best in Division".**
9. ***EXHIBITORS LIMITED TO ENTRIES IN ONE DIVISION ONLY, FOR BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR GARDENS.*** **EXAMPLE: If entered in Professional Gardens Division, you may not enter into the Amateur Garden Division.**

Scorecard 1 - Gardens

Design	30%
Workmanship	20%
Condition of Plant Material	20%
Conformance to Theme	15%
Color Harmony	10%
Plot Plan	5%
	100%

Scorecard 2 - Potted Plants

Cultural Perfection	40%
Size According to Variety	30%
Color, Form, Substance or Texture of Bloom and/or Foliage	15%
Grooming	15%
	100%

Scorecard 3 - Arrangements

Design	35%
Conformance to Theme	20%
Color	15%
Distinction and Originality	10%
Condition of Materials	10%
Creative Expression	10%
	100%

Scorecard 4 - Cut Flowers

Cultural Perfection Form, color substance, abundance of bloom Size according to species or variety Foliage and stem	60%
Distinction of Species or Variety	20%
Condition	20%
	100%

Scorecard 5 - Bouquets

Cultural Perfection	90%
Arrangement	10%
	100%

FIRST PERIOD OF JUDGING

GARDENS

RULES:

1. Amateur Gardens open to any individual from 14 years of age or older.
2. **Because of limited space, entry forms are due in person at the fair office by May 7th for both Professional and Amateur Gardens.**
3. Limit: one entry per exhibitor (see State Rule 9, Section I for definition of "Exhibitor"). However, if all classes are not filled by May 7, exhibitors will be permitted additional entries in their ability level only
4. Under no circumstances will an exhibitor be allowed two entries in one class within the Garden Divisions.
5. ***EXHIBITORS LIMITED TO ENTRIES IN ONE DIVISION ONLY, FOR BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR GARDENS.*** EXAMPLE: If entered in Professional Gardens Division, you ***may not*** enter into the Amateur Garden Division.
6. The garden area will be open for construction starting Wednesday June 3 to Tuesday, June 9 from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm

7. Gardens must be the workmanship of exhibitors only. You must supply all your supplies and your own assistance.
8. Judging will take place June 10. Gardens must be ready for JUDGING by 8:00 pm, June 9.
9. Accessories permitted in all gardens. All motor driven/electrical equipment (pumps, lights, etc.) used in gardens must continue operating for duration of fair. Failure to comply may result in premiums being withheld.
10. Each exhibitor is to provide a plot plan for display, to include biotanical and common names for plant identification.
11. Structures may not be erected enclosing the garden area. This does not preclude use of fencing material not to exceed 3' in height and in good taste.
12. Dried materials used in gardens must either be flameproof or treated with a flame retardant solution.
13. Acknowledgment of donated items is encouraged, but after judging has been completed. Floral card 2"x4", Gardens 12"x12"

Division 23 – Professional OR Previous Best Of Show Winner Gardens

Premiums offered

1st	2nd	3rd
$1,200.00	$1,000.00	$700.00

Entry Fee: $25.00

Exhibitor must be a professional or a previous Best of Show winner to enter this division. Gardens will be judged from all four sides. 20'x 24' Center of Floriculture (480 Sq. Ft. - Garden)
Only 3 Garden plots available

Class
1 "American Heartland"

Jim Simms Best in Show Memorial Award for Division 24, $100.00

Division 24 - Amateur Gardens

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$250.00	$225.00	$200.00

Entry Fee: $10.00 per class

Best of Show Awarded
Garden along building wall
Only three garden plots available per class
Gardens judged from front view only

Class
1 "Down by the Creek" A garden influenced by Bear Creek (Use of Water)
2 "Hawaiian Sunset" (Use of Water)
3 "Simply Beautiful" A garden of oriental influence

Division 25 – Garden in a Wheelbarrow

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$30.00	$25.00	$20.00	$15.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per class

Best in Division Awarded
1. Limit: one entry per exhibitor
2. Wheelbarrows received Tuesday, June 9, 9 am - 8 pm
3. Standard size wheelbarrow

Class
1 "Cascading Color" – annuals and perennials
2 "Sweet Nostalgic" – use of nostalgic flowers

PLANT DIVISIONS

Refer to department RULES page 12

Exhibits Received Tuesday, June 9th 9 am – 8 pm

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$5.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 26 – Cacti and Succulents
Single potted specimens unless otherwise noted

Class - *Cacti*
1 Ariocarpus – Living Rock
2 Aporocactus
3 Astrophytum – Bishop's Cap
4 Buiningia, Uebelmania
5 Copiapoa, Islaya
6 Crest, monstrose or variegated
7 Coryphantha (Pincushion)
8 Discocactus – Rattail Cactus
9 Echniocactus (Small Barrel)
10 Ferocuctus, Hamtocactus (Large Barrel)
11 Gymnocalycium, solitary (Chin Cactus)
12 Mammillaria
13 Matucana
14 Melocactus, Parodia, Wigginsia
15 Notocactus, Malacocarpus
16 Rebutia

7. Please mark your containers. Management is not responsible for loss or breakage.
8. Exhibits received Wednesday, June 10, 9 am–12 pm

Division 31 – Designs in Miniature

Premiums offered per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$4.00	$3.00

Entry Fee: none

All dry plant material - not to exceed 5" height

Class – Open Division

1 "Just Beein"
2 "Snail Hotel"
3 "Lady Bug Lane"
4 "Small But Mighty"

Division 32 – Dried/Silk Arrangement

Premiums offered per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$4.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Class – Open Division

1 "High and Dry"
2 "Branching Out" (Use of branches and flowers)

Division 33 - Pedestal Arrangements

Arrangements to be viewed from all sides
Space to be utilized is 24" x 24", height unlimited.
Pedestals to be furnished by the fair
Four pedestals available per class
LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor

Premiums offered per class			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$25.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

Class

1 Open Division - "Exotic Twist"
2 Master – "Take Flight" Honoring B52 Pilots of Castle Air Force Base

Division 34 – Creative Arrangements

Premiums offered per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Entry Fee: none

One Entry per class per exhibitor

Class

1 Novice – "April Flowers"
2 Intermediate - "Chopsticks"
3 Master – "Dream Weaver"

Division 35 - Decorated Wreath or Swags - In Office Entry Only

Premiums offered per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
$35.00	$30.00	$25.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

If all classes are not filled by MAY 7, exhibitors will be permitted one additional entry in a class not already entered.
Decorated item will hang on the door. All doors are painted white and are furnished by the fair. Only three doors per class available. Decorations must include some dried, silk or fresh flowers and/or foliage.
Door must be functional.
Exhibits Received Tuesday, June 9th 9 am – 8 pm
Limit: Two entries per division, one per class

Class

1 "Come on In"
2 "Autumn Sunset"
3 "Aloha"

Division 36 – Wind Chimes

Premiums offered		
1st	2nd	3rd
$30.00	$25.00	$20.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

Create a wind chime using metal, glass, wood, etc. Wind chime to be a maximum of 3' in length and will be judged on both sound and design.
Exhibits Received Tuesday, June 9th 9 am – 8 pm

Class

1 "Sounds Good To Me" – Exhibitors Choice

Division 37 - Window Boxes – In Office Entry Only

Premiums offered per class			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$30.00	$25.00	$20.00	$15.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

Because of limited space, entry forms due in person at the fair office by May 7th and are on a first-come-first serve basis for Window Boxes

If all classes are not filled by May 7 exhibitors will be permitted one additional entry in a class not already entered.
3' x 3' "window" and box measuring 36" long, 8" wide, 6" deep provided by fair
Four (4) boxes per class
Limit: one per class, per exhibitor
Exhibits Received Tuesday, June 9th 9 am – 8 pm

Class

1 "Grapes of Wrath"
2 "Marquee" – Tribute to Merced Theater (Use of small battery operated LED lights)

Class - ***Succulents***

17 Aeonium
18 Agave
19 Aloe
20 Crassula - Jade
21 Echeveria – Hen & Chicken
22 Euphorbia - Crown of Thorns
23 Haworthia – Zebra Plant
24 Kalanchoe
25 Lithops – Living Stone
26 Atapelia – Starfish Flower
27 Sedum

Division 27 - Outdoor Planters

Class

1 Outdoor Planter, using Cacti
2 Outdoor Planter, using Cacti and Succulents
3 Outdoor Planter, using Succulents

SPECIMEN DIVISIONS

Division 28 - Bouquets

At least 10 stems, Display in your own container

Premiums offered per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$4.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Class

1 Annuals
2 Perennials
3 Annuals/Perennials (Mixed half and half)

Premiums offered per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
$4.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 29 – Shrubs, Vines, Lilies, Bulb Blooms, Tubers, Flowering Shrubs and Decorative Foliage

Best Display, Cut Flowers and Cut Plant Material
One stem unless otherwise noted
Keep Specimens fresh throughout the fair

Class

1 Agapanthus
2 Calla Lily
3 Canna
4 Crepe Myrtle
5 Dahlia, Pompom (2" or less in diameter), any color
6 Dahlia, Ball or Miniature Ball (greater than 2" in diameter), any color
7 Dahlia, Small (less than 5" in diameter), any color (Identify on entry form)
8 Dahlia, Large (5" or more in diameter), any color (Identify on entry form)
9 Dahlia, Any other form not listed, any size, any color (Identify on entry form)
10 Gardenia
11 Gladiola
12 Gomphrena
13 Hibiscus
14 Hydrangea
15 Buddleja
16 Lantana
17 Lavender
18 Oleander
19 Oriental Lily
20 Pomegranate
21 Salvia
22 Shrimp Plant
23 Sunflower
24 Tiger Lily

Division 30 – Perennials

Best Display - 3 stems

Class

1 Carnation, 1color
2 Carnation, mixed colors
3 Gerbera
4 Scabiosa
5 Daisies, Rudbeckia Brown Tones
6 Daisies, Rudbeckia, Yellow Tones
7 Daisies, Shasta
8 Dianthus
9 Garlardia
10 Alstroemeria

Class

11 Verbena
12 Yarrow, white
13 Yarrow, yellow
14 Yarrow, gold
15 Yarrow, pink
16 Yarrow, red
17 Coreopsis
18 Any other not listed - identify

ARRANGEMENT DIVISIONS

Best in Division will be awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from Division winners

RULES:

1. All arrangements must contain fresh flowers and/or fresh plant material unless otherwise noted.
2. No painted or dyed fresh material, or artificial flowers or foliage will be accepted, except where specified.
3. Exhibitor is responsible for keeping arrangements in "show condition" while on display. Premiums may be withheld if exhibits are not maintained in a first-class condition.
4. All cut flowers must have their own foliage in Horticulture Divisions. In arrangement classes this is not necessary.
5. The exhibitor is responsible for identification of plants and specimens. No diseased material will be accepted.
6. Containers furnished by the fair must be utilized in the Specimen Divisions (except Bouquets) to insure uniformity.

SECOND PERIOD OF JUDGING

1. **Second Period:** Second period fresh arrangements and specimens received Friday, June 12, 9:00 am to noon. Second period judged Friday, June 12
2. **Care For and checking your Exhibits:** Please be sure to check your exhibits; replenish or refresh arrangements and specimens daily. The floriculture building will be open for this convenience between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm each day during the fair.

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Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$4.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 38 - Bouquets
At least 10 stems and displayed in your own container
Class
1 Dahlias Large & Small
2 Mixed Flowers
3 Miniature Roses
4 Standard Roses
5 Annuals
6 Perennials
7 Annuals/Perennials - Mixed half and half

Division 39 - Roses
One stem unless otherwise noted
PLEASE list variety name of roses on entry form
Class
1 Floribunda, mauve colors
2 Floribunda, pink colors
3 Floribunda, red colors
4 Floribunda, white
5 Floribunda, yellow colors
6 Floribunda, any other color (Identify on entry form)
7 Grandiflora
8 Hybrid tea, apricot blend
9 Hybrid tea, copper or orange colors
10 Hybrid tea, cream
11 Hybrid tea, mauve colors
12 Hybrid tea, pink colors
13 Hybrid tea, red
14 Hybrid tea, white
15 Hybrid tea, yellow colors
16 Hybrid tea, any other* (Identify on entry form)
17 Polyantha
18 Roses, miniature, mauve colors
19 Roses, miniature, pink colors
20 Roses, miniature, red colors
21 Roses, miniature, white
22 Roses, miniature, yellow colors
23 Roses, miniature, any other color (Identify on entry form)
24 Roses, single flowered, any color
25 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Division 40 - Annuals
Best Display - 3 stems unless otherwise noted
Class
1 Ageratum
2 Celosia
3 Cosmos, 1 color (6 stems)
4 Marigolds, African, orange
5 Marigolds, African, yellow
6 Marigolds, dwarf, French
7 Petunias double
8 Petunias, large flowered
9 Petunias, single, multi-colored or variegated
10 Phlox, 1 stem
11 Statice
12 Zinnias, large flowered, pink to red
13 Zinnias, large flowered, yellow to orange
14 Zinnias, small pompom, pink to red
15 Zinnias, small pompom, yellow to orange
16 Zinnias, any other (Identify on entry form)
17 Any other (Identify on entry form)

ARRANGEMENT DIVISIONS

Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen

Division 41 - Pedestal Arrangements
Arrangements to be viewed from all sides.
Space to be utilized is 24" x 24", height unlimited.
Pedestals to be furnished by the fair.
Four pedestals available per class
LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor, per class

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$25.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

Class
1 Open – "Wine & Roses" Use of wine bottles
2 Master – "Sails in the Wind" – Tribute to Lake Yosemite

Division 42 – Creative Arrangements

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Entry Fee: none

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor, per class
Class
1 Novice – "American Spirit"
2 Intermediate – "Asian Beauty"
3 Master – "Take it Away" – Arrangement with the appearance of being pulled apart

HOME ARTS – ADULT DEPARMENT #4

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Received – Baking, Wine & Home Brew and		
Table Settings	Saturday, June 6	9 am – 1 pm
Contest - Almonds	Wednesday, June 10	5 – 6:30 pm
Contest – Salsa	Thursday, June 11	5 – 6:30 pm
Contest – Cheese	Friday, June 12	5 – 6:30 pm
Contest – Ribs	Saturday, June 13	5 – 6:30 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

RULES:

1. All items entered in Baking-Confections become the property of the fair. Ribbons will be mailed with premium checks.
2. All entries in the Home Arts Department must have been home prepared or produced by the exhibitor. No entry shall have been exhibited in competition in a previous Merced County Fair. Entries must be completed within one year of opening date of Fair.
3. A separate entry form is required for each Department (Baking-Confections, Clothing-Textiles, and Preserved Foods) offered in Home Arts.
4. Management reserves the right to dispose of foods that are no longer presentable due to spoilage.
5. Each entry is to be listed separately on entry form.
6. Entry limited to residents of Merced, Madera, Stanislaus and Mariposa Counties.
7. There must be two or more exhibitors in a division in order to qualify for "Best in Division" awards.

AMATEUR WINE & HOME BREW DIVISIONS

ENTRIES RECEIVED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
ENTRIES JUDGED JUNE 6, 2:00 PM

RULES:

1. Exhibitor must be 21 years of age or over who does not have an enology degree, nor works in a winery in any winemaking capacity, and no part of his livelihood is derived from commercial wine production.
2. Professional winemakers may not enter.
3. Wine must be personally produced by the exhibitor. Grapes do not have to be grown by exhibitor.
4. Each entry consists of one (1) bottle of wine.
5. Label bottle with Exhibitor Name, Class Number & Wine Type prior to delivery.
6. American System of Judging

Division 43 – Wine

$50.00 and "Best in Division" awarded
Entry Fee: none

Class

1 Cabernet Sauvignon – Red Wine
2 Zinfandel – Red Wine
3 Other varieties, please specify – Red Wine
4 Chardonnay – White Wine
5 Sauvignon Blanc – White Wine
6 Other varieties, please specify – White Wine
7 Any variety, please specify – Fruit Wine
8 Wine Label

Division 44 – Home Brew

$50.00 and "Best in Division" awarded
Entry Fee: none

1. Exhibitor must be 21 years old or older to enter.
2. Entry to consist of two 10-13 fluid ounce beer bottles, either green or brown.
3. Bottles may be sealed with spring fitted stoppers or standard brown caps.
4. All bottles should be unlabeled and information including name, phone, and ingredients, placed on 3x5 cards

Class

1 Ale, Light, Pale Blond
2 Ale, Dark
3 Seasonal Fruit
4 Any Other, (including hard ciders) identify on entry

BAKING -CONFECTIONS DIVISIONS

ENTRIES RECEIVED, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 P.M

Exhibitors who engage in baking-confections as a profession (including teaching) are not eligible. Recipes must be brought with entries on receiving day. Please print or type.

Minimum quantities:

Breads	One-half loaf
Biscuits and Rolls	One-half dozen
Cakes	One-half cake plus one slice
Cookies	One-half dozen
Pies	One eight-inch or larger
Pastries	One-half dozen
Confections	One-half pound

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 45 - Biscuits, Muffins and Rolls
Class
1 Biscuit
2 Muffin, any other (Identify on entry form)
3 Roll, cinnamon
4 Roll, any other (Identify on entry form)

Division 46 - Confections
Class
1 Fudge
2 Any other confection (Identify on entry form)

Division 47 - Cookies
Class
1 Almond
2 Chocolate
3 Chocolate Chip
4 Sugar
5 Oatmeal
6 Peanut Butter
7 Any other Cookie

Division 48 - Loaf, Bundt, Tube or Single Layer Cake
Class
1 Brownies (6)
2 Chocolate
3 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Division 49 - Pies and Pastries
Class
1 Any 1 crust pie (Identify on entry form)

Division 50 - Quick Breads
Class
1 Banana Nut
2 Zucchini
3 Any other (Identify on entry form)

SPECIAL "DAY OF" CONTESTS

Contests limited to ages 20 and over

1. All contests are open to any Merced, Madera and Stanislaus County Amateur cook.
2. Entry forms will be filled out on the day of the contest.
3. All Special Contest Exhibits received on day of contest in the Merced Pavilion Building.
4. Your entry in hand will admit you to the Fair free of charge (exhibitor only) on day of contest.
5. Recipes must be submitted with entry.
6. Exhibitor's name may not appear on the recipe card.
7. Limit: one per class in all Special Contests, except where noted.
8. All food entries become property of the Fair and disposable containers are recommended. Exhibitors may pick up their empty containers following judging.

Almond Contest

CONTEST DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 PM
Sponsored by:

Gift Baskets Awarded

First, Second and Third Place Winners

Division 51 – "Almond Delights" Contest
Class
1 Any Baking-Confections item using **California almonds** may be entered. (Identify item on entry form)

Salsa Contest

CONTEST DATE: Thursday, June 11, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 pm
Sponsored by:

Gift Certificates Awarded

1st Place - $25.00 2nd Place - $15.00 3rd Place - $10.00
This contest is limited to freshly made (unprocessed) Mexican style salsa to be used for dipping. Ingredients must be fresh. Salsa will be judged on tortilla chips. One (1) cup of salsa must be submitted for judging in a clear glass, one-pint canning jar, covered with a lid and ring. Exhibitor's name cannot be visible on the jar.
Limit: One entry only per exhibitor per division

Division 52 – "Salsa" Contest
Class
1 Hot Salsa
2 Mild Salsa

Cheese Contest

CONTEST DATE: Friday, June 12, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 pm
Sponsored by:

Gift Certificates Awarded

1st Place - $30.00 2nd Place - $20.00 3rd Place - $10.00

Division 53 - "It's The Cheese" Contest
Class
1 Any item using California cheese may be entered. (Identify item on entry form.)

Ribs Contest

CONTEST DATE: Saturday, June 13, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 pm
Sponsored by:

★ **Bar BQ Pit** ★

Gift Certificates Awarded

1st Place - $25.00 2nd Place - $20.00 3rd Place - $15.00

Division 54 – "Rib-O-Rama" Contest
Ribs should be prepared at home and brought in a disposable container
Class
1 Mild
2 Spicy
3 Smoked

ADULT CLOTHING - TEXTILES DIVISIONS

American System of Judging

RULES:
1. Unless otherwise noted, exhibitors who engage in sewing and/or needlework as a profession (including teaching) are not eligible.
2. All pictures must be ready for hanging prior to bringing to the fair (securely wired, with saw-toothed hangers, etc.).
3. Entries inadequately prepared will be rejected. All items entered must be clean and pressed.

Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 55- Crochet
Class
1 Afghan, under 4' x 6'
2 Afghan, Whole Piece
3 Afghan, Blocks, Strips, or Round Pieces
4 Centerpiece, 21" and over
5 Doily, under 14"
6 Doily, 14" to 21"
7 Hot Pads (at least 2)
8 Infant Afghan
9 Infant 3-Piece Set
10 Pillow
11 Stole or Shawl
12 Any Other Article, Child/Infant (Identify on entry form)
13 Any Other Article (Identify on entry form)

Division 56 - Knitting (Hand)
Class
1 Bonnet or cap, infant
2 Hat
3 Scarf
4 Slippers
5 Sweater, Child or Infant
6 Sweater, Adult
7 Any Other Article

Division 57 - Sewing

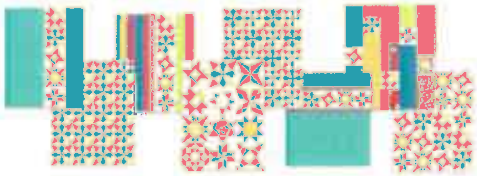
Class
1 Apron
2 Blouse
3 Pillow
4 Place Mats, any type (set of 4)
5 Any Other Article (Identify on entry form)

Division 58 – Miscellaneous
Class
1 Any Article, Any Clothing-Textile Medium Not Listed (Identify on entry form)
2 Any Article, Mixed Media (Identify on entry form)

Division 59 - Holiday Decorations

Class
1 Counted Cross-Stitch
2 Crochet
3 Mixed Media
4 Tree Ornament
5 Any Other Holiday Decoration (Identify medium on entry form)

Division 60 - Dolls and Toys
(No commercial doll parts - must be handmade)
Class
1 Animal, any other (Identify medium on entry form)
2 Doll, crocheted or knitted
3 Doll, any other (Identify medium on entry form)
4 Toy, any other (Identify medium on entry form)



QUILTING DIVISIONS

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$10.00	$7.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none
Best in Division Awarded

Division 61 – Beginning

Division 62 - Intermediate

Division 63 - Advanced or Professional

Classes

1 Wearable Art
2 Children's Quilt
3 Machine Pieced-Hand Quilted
4 Machine Pieced-Machine Quilted
5 Appliquéd-Machine Quilted
6 Top by One, Quilted by Another (i.e. pieced exhibitor, commercially machine quilted)
7 Any Other Quilt Technique (identify technique [Poof, Tied, Embroidery] on entry form)

QUILTING FOR CHARITY

RULES:

1. Exhibitor must sign a release form on receiving day.
2. All items entered become the property of the fair to be given to a charity of fair's choice.
3. No soiled articles will be accepted.
4. The superintendent reserves the right to reject all articles for exhibit at their discretion.
5. Danish System of judging

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$25.00	$20.00	$15.00

Entry Fee: None

Division 64 – Quilting for Charity
Class

1 Lap Quilt (backing must be a dark fabric)

TABLE SETTINGS

RULES:

1. Limit: one entry per exhibitor – **Because of limited tables, Exhibitor must enter in Office Only.**
2. Limit of four tables available per class
3. If all classes are not filled by MAY 7, exhibitors will be permitted one additional entry, limit: 2 entries per class.
4. Tables must be set by exhibitor only. Tables are to be set **SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.**
5. Tables are furnished by the fair and are of uniform size measuring 32" round, 29" high.
6. All tables are to be set for two. No fresh flowers.
7. Exhibitor must include menu card.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$25.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry
"Best In Division" Ribbon

Division 65 – Table Settings
Class

1 "Valentine Magic"
2 "Say I Do"
3 "Oceanside Dinner"

PRESERVED FOODS DIVISIONS

RULES:

1. All entries must be home prepared and canned by the exhibitor within one year of judging date.
2. Use standard canning jar suitable for your entry with clean, standard canning lid, sealed tightly (no paraffin), with loosened screw rings.
3. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of processing (month, day, and year), processing method, and processing time. Entries without labels or with incorrect or incomplete labels will be rejected.
4. The two approved methods of canning are: boiling-water canning for high-acid foods, steam-pressure canning for low-acid foods. An appropriate amount of headspace for the product canned should be allowed. Leave ¼-inch headspace for soft spreads and pickled foods (except sauerkraut); ½-inch headspace for fruits, tomatoes and sauerkraut; 1-inch headspace for vegetables.
5. Product pieces should be uniform in size and packed snugly but allow for circulation of liquids. Liquids should cover the product, keeping within the headspace guidelines. Liquids should be clear and free from cloudiness and small particles.

6. Two identical containers will be required for each entry; one container will be opened for judging. The other container will remain on display for duration of the fair.
7. Opened, empty containers not picked up by 5:00 PM on June 15TH, will become the property of the fair.

Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 66 – Pickles and Relishes
Class
1 Cucumber, Dill
2 Pickle, any (identify on entry form)
3 Relish, any (Identify on entry form)
4 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Division 67 - Jams
Class
1 Apricot, with pineapple
2 Strawberry
3 Blackberry
4 Any two fruit jams
5 Any other (identify on entry form)

Division 68 - Jellies
Class
1 Pomegranate
2 Apricot, with pineapple
3 Strawberry
4 Blackberry
5 Any two fruit jellies
6 Any other jelly (Identify on entry form)

Division 69 – Canned Fruit
Class
1 Apricot
2 Peaches
3 Tomatoes
4 Any other (identify on entry form)

CRAFTS & HOBBIES – ADULT DEPARTMENT #5

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

RULES:
1. Limit: two entries per class unless otherwise noted. Limited to residents of Madera, Mariposa, Stanislaus and Merced Counties.
2. All needlework items are to be entered within the Clothing-Textiles divisions.
3. Any exhibit, that in the judgment of Management would be objectionable to the general public, will not be accepted either for judging or display.
4. No entry shall have been exhibited in competition in a previous Merced County Fair.
5. Entries in the miscellaneous crafts division not to exceed 3' x 4' without prior approval.
6. COLLECTIONS: Any collection entered in previous competition must show a substantial increase or change to be eligible for competition this year. Any collection, which, in the judgment of Management, does not show a substantial increase/change, may be disqualified or rejected. All items entered as part of a collection must be clean, dry and ready for display. Number of items accepted for a collection display will be determined by Exhibit Superintendent. Items must attractively fit within one display case. Number of items in collection must be listed on entry form.
7. Owner's name shall not be in plain view on any article at time of judging.
8. All hanging articles must be ready to hang with wire and sturdy hardware, please. Articles not ready to hang will be rejected. **NO FISHING LINE OR POSTER FRAMES.**

CRAFTS AND COLLECTIONS DIVISIONS

Best in Division awarded in Divisions
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$10.00	$8.00	$6.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 70 – Fiber Art
An original design whose materials consist of natural or synthetic and or other natural components, such as, but not limited to: fabric, threads, yarn, beading, paints. Item must be for artistic use (not practical as in a quilt). Item must be original art, not using preprinted matter
Class
1 Any item, identify on entry

Division 71 – Ceramics

Class

1 Glazed, any item (Identify on entry form)
2 Painted, figurine, any item (Identify on entry form)
3 Painted, any other item (identify on entry form)
4 Any other ceramic not listed (Identify on entry form)

Division 72 – Other Crafts

Class

1 Beadwork
2 Jewelry/Accessories, other
3 Models, any other (Identify on entry form)
4 Seasonal Crafts
5 Wall Plaques
6 Any other craft (Identify on entry form)

Division 73 - "Persons with Disabilities – Uniquely Challenged" Arts & Crafts

Danish Style of Judging

Class

1 Any craft (Identify on entry form)

Division 74 - Collections

Number of items in collection must be listed on entry form.

Maximum number of items accepted for a collection will be that number which attractively fits within the available display space. Small cases measure approximately 21" x 34". Large cases measure approximately 34" x 45".

Class

1 Any collection (Identify on entry form)

RECYCLED ARTS & CRAFTS

Division 75 – Trash to Treasure

Create from recycled materials, materials must be clean. Entry must be constructed with at least 75% recycled materials. Identify recycled material on entry form.

Class

1 Art - Describe
2 Functional Items
3 Any Other (Identify on form)

FINE ARTS - ADULT DEPARTMENT #6

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

RULES:

1. Limit: three entries per class, per exhibitor, each listed separately on entry form, unless stated otherwise.
2. Entry in the fine arts department is limited to artists residing in the counties of Merced, Madera, Stanislaus and Mariposa.
3. Management reserves the right to transfer any entry to arts and crafts that is not appropriate for entry in the fine arts department.
4. No entry will qualify for the fine arts division unless the work is original. All the work, including the design and composition, must have been done by the exhibitor. Any work that has been copied will be rejected. Any cast pieces must be made in a mold created by the artist. Three photos of the mold building process must be submitted with entry. No award will be made in any classification where entries fail to merit such an award.
5. Any exhibit, which, in the judgment of the management, would be objectionable to the general public, will not be accepted either for judging or display.
6. No entry shall have been exhibited in competition in a previous Merced County Fair.
7. All paintings and drawings (framed or stretched canvas) must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire or include Velcro with hook side attached on all four sides for hanging. Any entries not secure in its frame or entered without screw eyes and wire or Velcro will be rejected. No fishing line or poster frames. Wet paintings will not be accepted.
8. The name of the artist, address, and title of the exhibit must appear on the back of each painting, and on the bottom of each sculpture or pottery.
9. Any artwork unclaimed after pickup date become the property of the Merced County Fairgrounds and will be disposed of unless specific arrangements are made with building superintendent.

GLOSSARY OR TERMINOLOGY:

Beginner – Exhibitor who has two years or less experience in the division

Intermediate – Exhibitor who has two years or more experience the division

Advanced/Professional – Exhibitor has achieved a marked degree of expertise in the division or has sold or made money from their work

MERCED COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL SPECIAL SHOW!

The Merced County Arts Council will judge then select 15-20 art and photography entries from the Fair displays for special award and show. The selected entries will be held for display in the Merced Multicultural Arts Center later in summer, approximately mid July through the end of September. All items exhibited at the special show may be picked up at the Arts Center following that show.

Division 76- "Persons with Disabilities – Uniquely Challenged" Fine Arts

Danish System of Judging

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$4.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Class

1 Paintings, any medium (Identify on entry form)
2 Drawings, any medium (Identify on entry form)
3 Ceramics
4 Any other medium (Identify on entry form)

Division 77 – Theme Contest

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$10.00	$8.00	$6.00

Entry Fee: none

Your own representation of "Always Fresh, Local and Fun".
Any medium is eligible.
Limit: one entry per exhibitor

Class

1 "Always Fresh, Local and Fun"

Two Dimensional Art

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$8.00	$6.00	$4.00

Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners Divisions 78-80
$50 Beginning, $100 Intermediate, $150 Advanced

Entry fee: none

Division 78- Beginning Two Dimensional Art

Division 79 - Intermediate Two Dimensional Art

Division 80 - Advanced Two Dimensional Art

Acrylic Paintings (Framed or Stretched Canvas)

Abstract Class		Representational Class	
1	Portrait	3	Portrait
2	Any Other (Identify subject on entry form)	4	Animals
		5	Landscape
		6	Architectural
		7	Still Life
		8	Flowers
		9	Any other (Identify subject on entry form)

Oil Paintings (Framed or Stretched Canvas)

Abstract Class		Representational Class	
10	Any subject (Identify on entry form)	11	Animals
		12	Landscape
		13	Architectural
		14	Portrait
		15	Seascape
		16	Any other (Identify subject on entry form)

Water Color Paintings (Framed or Stretched Canvas)

Abstract Class		Representational Class	
17	Landscape	22	Landscape
18	Portrait	23	Architectural
19	Seascape	24	Mammals
20	Still Life	25	Portrait
21	Any Other (Identify subject on entry form)	26	Seascape
		27	Still Life
		28	Any other (Identify)

Paintings (Unframed)

Class

29 China
30 Pottery
31 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Graphics

Abstract Class		Representational Class	
32	Portrait	34	Animals
33	Any other (Identify subject on entry form)	35	Portrait
		36	Still Life
		37	Any other (Identify)

Other Media

Abstract Class		Representational Class	
38	Mixed Media	41	Mixed Media
39	Pencil	42	Pastel
40	Any other medium (Identify medium on entry form)	43	Pencil
		44	Any other medium (Identify medium)

Three Dimensional Art

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$8.00	$6.00	$4.00

Best In Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners, Divisions 81-83
$50 Beginning, $100 Intermediate, $150 Advanced

Entry fee: none

Division 81 - Beginning Three Dimensional Art

Division 82 - Intermediate Three Dimensional Art

Division 83 - Advanced Three Dimensional Art

Sculpture

Class

1 Hand Built
2 Metal
3 Any other medium (Identify medium on entry form)

Jewelry

Class

4 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Other Crafts

Class

5 Stained Glass, any
6 Pyrography (Wood Burning)
7 Round Carving Realistic
8 Chip Carving
9 Wood Carving, Relief
10 Any other craft - (Identify on entry form)

CARTOONING

All work in the following classes **MUST BE ORIGINAL.** Entries using existing copyrighted cartoon characters or their captions WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ***ENTRIES MUST BE FRAMED WITH EYEHOOKS***

BEST IN DIVISION AWARDED

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$8.00	$6.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 84 - Cartooning

Class

1 Humorous, captioned
2 Humorous, non-captioned
3 Humorous, comic strip (maximum 5 panels)
4 Any other – identify on entry form

SCORECARD FOR CARTOONING

Artwork	50%
Originality	30%
Visual Impact	20%
	100%

COMPUTER ARTS/GRAPHICS

1. Exhibits must be submitted as printed pieces and will be judged on visual appeal rather than the work involved creating and producing them.
2. Entries must be framed or matted. **Framed entries** must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. Any entry not secure in its frame or entered without screw eyes and wire will be rejected. **No fishing line or poster frames.**
3. **Matted entries** must have a finished measurement, *including mat board*, no larger than **14" x 18"*AND include velcro with hook side attached on all four sides for hanging.***
4. Any exhibit that, in the judgment of the Management, would be objectionable to the general public will not be accepted either for judging or display.
5. The fair cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage either in transit or while on exhibit. Submission of entries implies acceptance of the above condition.
6. Danish System of Judging

BEST IN DIVISION AWARDED

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$4.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 85 - Computer Arts/Graphics

To include logos, illustrations, photographs and other graphics which have been produced or manipulated using computer systems.

Class

1 Computer Design, Graphic or Illustration
2 Photo Manipulation
3 Any other computer art/graphic (Identify on entry form)

PHOTOGRAPHY - ADULT DEPARTMENT #7

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

RULES:

1. Entry in the Photography Department is limited to individuals residing in Merced, Madera and Mariposa Counties.
2. Prints entered in any previous Merced County Fair are not eligible.
3. PRINTS must be a minimum of 5" x 7" and must be framed or matted. **Matted prints must have Velcro strip (hook side attached) on back ready for hanging. Framed prints must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire.** Any print not secure in its frame or entered without screw eyes and wire will be rejected. No fishing line or poster frames.
4. *Beginning and Intermediate:* Finished entry not to exceed 20" in any direction including frame and/or mat.
5. *Advanced and Professional:* Finished entry not to exceed 28" in any direction including frame and/or mat.
6. Any exhibit that, in the judgment of the Management, would be objectionable to the general public will not be accepted either for judging or display.
7. EXHIBITORS LIMITED TO ENTRIES IN *ONE DIVISION ONLY, (ABILITY LEVEL,) FOR BOTH* BLACK AND WHITE AND COLOR PRINTS. (EXAMPLE: ALL BEGINNING, ALL INTERMEDIATE OR ALL ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL DIVISIONS.
8. The fair cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage either in transit or while on exhibit. Submission of entries implies acceptance of the above condition.
9. The name of the photographer, address, and title of the exhibit must appear on the ***back*** of each print.

GLOSSARY OR TERMINOLOGY:

Beginner – Exhibitor who has two years or less experience in the division

Intermediate – Exhibitor who has two years or more experience the division

Advanced/Professional – Exhibitor has achieved a marked degree of expertise in the division or has sold or made money from their work

Division 86 – "People's Choice Award"

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$10.00	$8.00	$6.00

Entry Fee: none

1. The exhibitor who receives the most votes from the public for their favorite "Always Fresh, Fun & Local" photo will receive the People's Choice Award.
2. Voting will be done during fair hours.
3. Voting will close at 11:00 PM on Saturday, June 13th
4. Only one vote per person per day will be allowed.
5. Enter your own representation of "Always Fresh, Fun & Local"
6. Either black and white or color photos are eligible.
7. Limit: one entry per exhibitor

Class

1 "Always Fresh, Fun & Local"

PRINT DIVISIONS

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners
Divisions 87-92
$25 Beginning, $35 Intermediate, $50 Advanced

Entry Fee: none

Division 87 - Beginning/Novice Black & White

Division 88 - Beginning/Novice Color

Division 89 - Intermediate/Amateur Black & White

Division 90 - Intermediate/Amateur Color

Division 91 - Advanced/Professional Black & White

Division 92 - Advanced/Professional Color

Class

1 Abstract
2 Action
3 Agriculture
4 Architectural
5 Autumn
6 Birds
7 Boats, ships
8 Clouds, sunsets
9 Courage
10 Everyday Life
11 Flowers
12 Fresh water scenes
13 Historic
14 Humor
15 Joy
16 Landscape
17 Love
18 Mammals

Class

19 Nature
20 Plants, trees
21 Portrait, children
22 Portrait, family
23 Portrait, men
24 Portrait, women
25 Reflections
26 Seascape
27 Special effects
28 Special occasions
29 Spring
30 Still Life
31 Summer
32 Transportation
33 Wedding
34 Winter

Division 93 – Alternative Art Photography Intermediate or Amateur
Class

1 Hand-Coloring
2 Mixed Media
3 Photo Collage
4 Photo Transfers

Division 94 – Alternative Art Photography Advanced or Professional
Class

1 Hand-Coloring
2 Mixed Media
3 Photo Collage
4 Photo Transfers

JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS & 4-H & FFA DEPARTMENTS

(Ages 19 and Under unless otherwise noted)

ELIGIBILITY AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

FFA MEMBERS: Limited to students in Merced County High Schools unless otherwise noted. FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.

4-H MEMBERS: Limited to 4-H Clubs located in Merced County. 4-H members may enroll if they are 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2020, and can exhibit as a member until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.
Second and third graders, officially enrolled in 4-H, may exhibit in special divisions designated for 4-H Mini-Members.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: Limited to residents of Merced County, unless otherwise noted, who not members of FFA or 4-H. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2020. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

Independent junior exhibitors must enter an open junior class unless one is not available. If open junior classes are not available, junior exhibitors may enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes if they meet all appropriate age and State Rule requirements.
Exhibitor graduated from 8th grade through 12th grade will compete within the FFA Divisions. Juniors who have been FFA or 4-H project members within 60 days prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in those projects as independent juniors (120 days for market beef). An FFA or 4-H member may exhibit as an independent junior if that exhibitor is not, or has not been, enrolled in an FFA or 4-H project that pertains to that exhibit during the current year.

RULES:

1. CLOSING DATES: The management reserves the right to close a class before closing date in the event that all available space has been allotted or to extend closing date, by Board approval, if, prior to closing date, sufficient entries for proper competition have not been received.
2. All entries will be under the direction of the superintendent of the several departments. The fair management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
3. All entries are entered at the exhibitor's risk.
4. No still exhibit may be removed before 9:00 am, Monday, June 15, 2020.
5. RULES governing the Adult Department also apply to Junior Departments unless otherwise noted.
6. Forms for entries in 4-H and FFA must be signed by exhibitor's leader or advisor. However, only 4-H leaders and FFA advisors registered with the Merced County Fair will be authorized to sign entry forms. Lack of authorized signature shall make the exhibit ineligible.
7. Each entry in "independent junior" divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. The signature of a parent or guardian is required. State and Local Rules apply to all entries and scorecards in corresponding Adult and Junior Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
8. Junior exhibitors and junior organizations may be allowed to enter exhibits in Adult Department classes for which they are eligible ONLY when a class for the exhibit is not provided in the Junior Department.
9. Entries may not be made in the Adult Department to circumvent the limitation of State Rules. All State Rules for California Fairs apply. A copy of the State Rules for California Fairs may be obtained at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/
10. There must be two or more exhibitors in a division in order to qualify for "best in division" awards.
11. The areas from which entries will be accepted in local and extended classes are designated at department, division or class headings.
12. All artwork unclaimed after removal date becomes the property of the Merced County Fair and will be disposed of unless specific arrangements are made with the Building Superintendent.
13. Unless otherwise noted, entries are limited to residents of Merced County, Madera County and Stanislaus County.

JUDGING SYSTEMS

American - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first place, one second place, one third place, etc.

Danish - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against a scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first place, second place, etc., as merited.
In all Departments using the Danish System, the following guidelines shall be used by judges:

Quality		Score	Ribbon
Group 1	Superior	92 - 100	Blue
Group 2	Good	84 - 91	Red
Group 3	Average, acceptable	70 - 83	White
Group 4	Poor, undesirable	69 or less	No Ribbon

AGRICULTURE-HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT #8

Chris Bailey, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, June 6	9 am – 6 pm
Exhibits Received	Sunday, June 7	9 am – 6 pm
Exhibits Received	Monday, June 8	9 am – 6 pm
Beans, Vegetables, Fruit, Nuts, etc..		
	Tuesday, June 9	7 am – 10 am
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

VEGETABLE & FRUIT DIVISIONS

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none
Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the type of vegetable desired for exhibit will be the uniform commercial grade rather than overgrown. Monstrosities will not be considered for premium awards.
Limit: Two entries per class

Division 95- Vegetables
(Plate Display)
Class
1 Tomatoes, ripe, round - 3
2 Any other vegetable – (Identify on entry form)

Division 96 – Herbs
(Cup Display – 1 bunch of 10 specimens)
Class
1 Mint
2 Parsley
3 Rosemary
4 Thyme
5 Thyme
6 Any Other Herb-Identify

Division 97 - Fruits
Plate Display - Identify variety on entry form
Class
1 Stone fruit, any variety - 5
2 Any other (Identify on entry form) – 5

HARVEST CHARACTERS

Create your own Harvest Character using any type of produce or combination of produce. Feel free to use paper, fabric, buttons or whatever you need to decorate your character.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 98 - Harvest Characters 6 through 10
Class
1 Fruit
2 Nutshell
3 Vegetable
4 Combined produce

Division 99 - Harvest Characters 11 through 19
Class
1 Fruit
2 Nutshell
3 Vegetable
4 Combined produce

SCARECROW CONTEST

Scarecrow must be self-supported. Any accessories must be attached to scarecrow.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$50.00	$35.00	$25.00

Entry Fee: none
One "Best of Show" Rosette awarded from Junior and Adult Departments

Division 100 – Scarecrows
Class
1 Scarecrows - Exhibitor 19 years and under
No bigger than 3' X 3'
2 Scarecrows - Club or Group
No bigger than 4' X 4'

SCORECARD FOR JUDGING SCARECROWS

Originality	33%
Suitability for Garden	33%
Humor or Frightening Ability	33%
Judge's Choice	1%
	100%

MELON PAINTING AND DECORATING

LIMIT: Two entries per exhibitor per class.
Use your imagination to create a festive, fabulous fair melon. You are only limited by your talent and your materials one of which must be paint. Cut or punctured melons will not be accepted.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

SCORECARD FOR JUDGING PAINTED MELONS

Originality	40%
Creativity	30%
Quality of Color	20%
Quality of Melon	10%
	100%

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
$5.00	$4.00	$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

"Best of Show"Rosette
Junior Division only
Entry Fee: none

Division 101 - Melon Painting 5 years and under
Class
1 Painted
2 Decorated

Division 102 - Melon Painting 6 through 10 years
Class
1 Painted
2 Decorated

Division 103 - Melon Painting 11 through 19 years
Class
1 Painted
2 Decorated

FLORICULTURE – JUNIOR INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT #9

Bunnie Becker, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Tuesday, June 9	9 am – 8 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$35.00	$25.00	$20.00	$15.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

Division 104 - Garden in a Wagon
Standard Size Wagon
Limit: one entry per exhibitor
Best in Division Awarded for ONLY DIV 105
American System of Judging
Class
1 "My Super Hero of the Garden" A garden depicting good vs evil

Premiums offered per division, per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$4.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 105 – Floriculture (10 years and under)
Class
1 "Little Creature" – Design under 5"
2 "Fantasy" – Floral Arrangement
3 "Game Day" – Floral Arrangement
4 6" Potted Plant
5 6" Cactus or Succulent

JUNIOR HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT #10

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Received		
Baking &Table Settings	Saturday, June 6	9 am – 1 pm
Contest - Almonds	Wednesday, June 10	5 – 6:30 pm
Contest – Salsa	Thursday, June 11	5 – 6:30 pm
Contest – Cheese	Friday, June 12	5 – 6:30 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am-5 pm

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

1. All items entered in Baking-Confections become the property of the fair.
2. All junior exhibitors 19 years of age and under may participate in this department except members of 4-H Home Economics Programs.
3. Other Rules governing Adult Home Arts Divisions also apply to the Junior Divisions.

MINIMUM QUANTITIES:

Muffins, Biscuits, Rolls, Brownies,
Candies, Cookies ..... One-half dozen
Cakes, Pie ..... One-quarter + one slice
Bread .....One-half loaf

Best in Division awarded in each Division, 106-108
Best of Show Award

BAKING - CONFECTIONS DIVISIONS

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 106 Baking - 10 years and under

Division 107 Baking - 11 through 13 years

Division 108 Baking - 14 through 19 years

Classes

1 Bread, quick, any (Identify on entry form)
2 Bread, yeast, any (Identify on entry form)
3 Brownies
4 Cake, chocolate, frosted
5 Cake, any other frosted (Identify on entry form)
6 Cookies, chocolate chip
7 Cookies, oatmeal
8 Cookies, peanut butter
9 Cookies, any other (Identify on entry form)
10 Any other (Identify on entry form)

SPECIAL "DAY OF" CONTESTS

1. Entry forms to be filled out on the day of the contest.
2. Your entry in hand will admit you to the Fair free of charge (exhibitor only) on day of contest.
3. Recipes must be submitted with entry on receiving day. Exhibitor's name may not appear on the recipe card.
4. All food entries become property of the Fair and disposable containers are recommended. Exhibitors may pick up their empty containers following judging.

Almond Contest

CONTEST DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 pm
Contest Sponsored by:

Prizes offered – Gift Baskets

First, Second and Third Place Winners

Division 109 – "Almond Delights" Contest
Class

1 Any Baking-Confections item using **California almonds** may be entered. (Identify item on entry form)

Salsa Contest

CONTEST DATE: Thursday, June 11, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 pm
Contest Sponsored by:

Prizes offered - Gift certificates

1st Place - $20.00 2nd Place - $15.00 3rd Place - $10.00

This contest is limited to freshly made (unprocessed) Mexican style salsa to be used for dipping. Ingredients must be fresh. Salsa will be judged on tortilla chips. One (1) cup of salsa must be submitted for judging in a clear glass, one-pint canning jar, covered with a lid and ring. Exhibitor's name cannot be visible on the jar.

Division 110 – "Salsa" Contest
Class

1 Mild Salsa

Cheese Contest

CONTEST DATE: Friday, June 12, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
JUDGED at 7:00 pm
Contest Sponsored by:

Prizes offered - Gift certificates

1st Place - $25.00 2nd Place - $15.00 3rd Place - $10.00

Division 111 - "It's The Cheese" Contest
Class

1 Any item using California cheese may be entered. (Identify item on entry form.)

CLOTHING & TEXTILES DIVISIONS

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none
Best in Division awarded
One Best of Show chosen from winners

Division 112 Clothing & Textile
Class

1 Any Sewing item (Identify on entry form)
2 Any other handwork (Identify on entry form)

Division 113 - Group Projects

For exhibits not completed by one individual. Limit one entry per group. Only one premium will be awarded per entry and will be paid to the official owner as listed on the entry form.

A list of members in the group, including names and ages, must be submitted with entry form. Identify project and size on entry form.

Note: Project medium must be Baking-Confections or Clothing-Textile in nature. Group project classes are also offered within the Junior Arts and Crafts Department for those projects using an Arts and Crafts medium.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$5.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none

Class

1 Group Project - 10 years and under
2 Group Project - 11 through 13 years
3 Group Project - 14 through 19 years

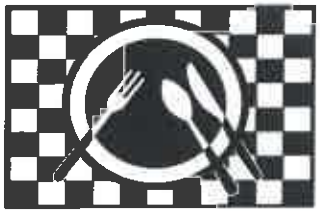


TABLE SETTINGS

RULES:

1. Limit: one entry per exhibitor – **Because of limited tables, Exhibitor must enter In Office Only.**
2. Limit of four tables available
3. Tables must be set by exhibitor only. Tables are to be set **SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.**
4. **Table Settings JUDGED June 6, at 2:00 pm.**
5. Tables are furnished by the fair and are of uniform size measuring 32" round, 29" high.
6. All tables are to be set for two. No fresh flowers.
7. Exhibitor must include menu card.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$25.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry
"Best in Division" Ribbon

Division 114 – Table Settings
Class

1 "Cows Come Home"
2 "Sheep on the Beach"
3 "Pig in the City"

JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS DEPARTMENT #11

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISIONS

RULES:

1. List each entry separately on entry form. Construction paper may be used for matting paintings and drawings.
2. Due to space limitations, entries must not exceed 16" x 20".
3. WET ARTWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED (paint, glue, etc.)
4. All needlework items are to be entered within the Clothing-Textiles Divisions.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Ribbons Only - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Division 115 Pre-School Arts and Crafts
Exhibitors must not have entered First Grade.
Limit: one entry per exhibitor per class and a maximum of five classes. No frames or stretched canvas, please

Division 116 Jr Arts & Crafts 5 through 8 years

Division 117 Jr Arts & Crafts 9 through 10 years

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Best in Division
Best of Show chosen

PAINTING AND DRAWING CLASSES

Frames optional. If entry is framed, it must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. Framed articles not ready to hang will be rejected. No fishing line or poster frames.

Division 118 Jr Arts & Crafts 11 through 13 years

Division 119 Jr Arts & Crafts 14 through 19 years

Class
1 Blot Painting
2 Chalk
3 Collage
4 Crayon
5 String Painting
6 Finger Painting
7 Marble Painting
8 Mixed Media

Class
9 Feather Art
10 Object Drawing
11 Pencil, Color
12 Tempera
13 Water Color
14 Any Other (Identify on entry form)

CRAFT CLASSES

Class
15 Ceramics, any other (Identify on entry form)
16 Crayon Melt Art
17 Origami
18 Holiday Craft
19 Any other (Identify on entry form)

ART CLASSES

Class
20 Duct Tape Art – use of duct tape

Division 120 – Group/Class Projects

1. For exhibits not completed by one individual
2. Limit: one entry per group.
3. Only one premium will be awarded to each winning entry and will be paid to the official owner as listed on the entry form.
4. A list of members in the group, including names and ages, must be submitted with entry form.
5. PROJECT MUST NOT EXCEED 42" IN ANY DIRECTION WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.
6. NOTE: Project medium must be of an Arts and Crafts nature.

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$5.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none

Class
1 Group Project 10 years and under
2 Group Project 11 through 13 years
3 Group Project 14 through 19 years

Division 121 - "Persons with Disabilities – Uniquely Challenged" Arts & Crafts

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Class
1 Any craft (Identify on entry form)

MODEL DIVISIONS

Exhibits entered in Model Divisions may be mounted, but mounts must not exceed 24". Models must not exceed 3' in height.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Ribbons Only – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Division 122 - Models 10 years and under
Class
1 Cars, Original Design
2 K'Nex, Kit
3 Legos, Kits
4 Lego, Original Design
5 Missions, Original Design
6 Military
7 Any Other, Kit (Identify on entry form)
8 Any Other, Original Design (Identify on entry form)

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none
Best in Division awarded in each Division
Best of Show chosen

Division 123 - Models 11 through 13 years

Division 124 – Models 14 through 19 years

Class
1 Cars, Original Design
2 K'Nex, Kit
3 Legos, Kits
4 Lego, Original Design
5 Missions, Original Design
6 Military
7 Any Other, Kit (Identify on entry form)
8 Any Other, Original Design (Identify on entry form)

COLLECTION DIVISIONS

RULES:
1. Number of items in collection MUST be listed on entry form.
2. Maximum number of items accepted for a collection will be that number which attractively fits within the available display space.
3. Small cases measure approximately 21" x 34".
4. Large cases measure approximately 34" x 45".

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Ribbons Only – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Division 125 – Collections 10 years and under
Class
1 Animals
2 Any other (Identify on entry form)

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 126 – Collections 11 through 13 years
Class
1 Animals
2 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Division 127 – Collections 14 through 19 years
Class
1 Animals
2 Any other (Identify on entry form)

JUNIOR FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT #12

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
RULES:
1. Management reserves the right to transfer any entry to Arts and Crafts that is not appropriate for entry in the Fine Arts Department.
2. Entries in Fine Arts should be of superior quality, skill and/or appearance.
3. All paintings and drawings must be securely framed and ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. any entry not secure in its frame or entered without screw eyes and wire will be rejected **No fishing line or poster frames**. **Wet paintings will not be accepted**.
4. The name of the artist, address, and title of the exhibit must appear on the back of each painting, and on the bottom of each sculpture or pottery.
5. Refer to Adult Fine Arts Department for additional rules governing preparation and acceptability of exhibits.
6. Any artwork unclaimed 5 days after pickup date becomes the property of the Merced County Fairgrounds and will be disposed of unless specific arrangements are made with Building Superintendent.

Division 128 - "Uniquely Challenged" Fine Arts

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Class
1 Paintings, any medium (Identify on entry form)
2 Drawings, any medium (Identify on entry form)
3 Ceramics
4 Any other medium (Identify on entry form)

Division 129 – Fair Theme Contest

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$5.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none

Any medium is eligible. Entries in this Division are not eligible for "Best of Show" award.
Limit: one entry per exhibitor

Class
1 "Always Fresh, Fun & Local" (Identify medium on entry form)

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$4.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 130 - Fine Arts 11 through 13 years

Division 131 - Fine Arts 14 through 19 years

Class
1 Acrylic
2 Block Printing
3 Mixed Media
4 Pen and Ink

Class
5 Pencil, Black
6 Pencils, Colored
7 Any other (Identify on entry form)

CARTOONING

1. All work in the following divisions must be original.
2. Entries using existing copyrighted cartoon characters or their captions WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
3. *NO FRAMES, PLEASE*

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$4.00	$3.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 132 – Cartooning 11 through 13 years
Class
1 Action/Adventure, captioned
2 Action/Adventure, non-captioned
3 Action/Adventure, comic strip (maximum 5 panels)
4 Humorous, captioned
5 Humorous, non-captioned
6 Humorous, comic strip (maximum 5 panels)

Division 133 – Cartooning 14 through 19 years
Class
1 Action/Adventure, captioned
2 Action/Adventure, non-captioned
3 Action/Adventure, comic strip (maximum 5 panels)
4 Humorous, captioned
5 Humorous, non-captioned
6 Humorous, comic strip (maximum 5 panels)

COMPUTER ARTS/GRAPHICS

RULES:
1. Exhibits must be submitted as printed pieces and will be judged on visual appeal rather than the work involved creating and producing them.
2. Entries must be framed or matted. Framed entries must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. Any entry not secure in its frame or entered without screw eyes and wire will be rejected.
3. No fishing line or poster frames.
4. Matted entries must have a finished measurement, including mat board, no larger than 14" x 18." ***AND INCLUDE VELCRO WITH HOOK SIDE ATTACHED ON ALL FOUR SIDES FOR HANGING.***
5. Any exhibit that, in the judgment of the Management, would be objectionable to the general public will not be accepted either for judging or display.
6. The fair cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage either in transit or while on exhibit. Submission of entries implies acceptance of the above condition.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$4.00	$3.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 134 - Computer Arts/Graphics
To include logos, illustrations, photographs and other graphics which have been produced or manipulated using computer systems.

Class
1 Computer Design, Graphic or Illustration
2 Any other computer art/graphic (Identify on entry form)

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT #13

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

"Best of Show" Rosette

RULES:

1. Standard size prints (4x6) are eligible.
2. Prints may be matted (construction paper may NOT be used) or framed.
3. If matted, ***INCLUDE VELCRO WITH HOOK SIDE ATTACHED ON ALL FOUR SIDES FOR HANGING.***
4. If framed, prints must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. No fishing line or poster frames.
5. The name of the photographer, address, and title of the exhibit must appear on the back of each print.

Division 135 –Fair Theme Contest
Limit: one entry per exhibitor

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$5.00	$4.00

Entry Fee: none

Enter your own representation of "Always Fresh, Fun & Local," Black and white or color prints are eligible.

Class
1 "Always Fresh, Fun & Local"

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Ribbons Only - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Division 136 – Color or Black & White Prints
(10 years and under)
See class list after Division 139

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Best in Division awarded in each Division
One Best of Show chosen from winners

Division 137 – Color or Black & White Prints
(11 through 13 years)

Division 138 – Color or Black & White Prints
(14 through 19 years)

Class
1 Pets
2 Plants, Trees
3 Seascape
4 Sports
5 Landscape
6 Animals
7 Clouds, Sunsets
8 Flowers
9 Still Life
10 People
11 Any other (Identify on entry form)

4-H DIVISIONS DEPARTMENT #14

Bea Trindade, Superintendent

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITORS:

1. All entries in the following divisions must have been made, collected, grown or prepared and entered by exhibitors who were enrolled in those projects in 4-H youth programs.
2. Entries that require packaging and labeling, such as food preservation, must be done in accordance with directions and recipes in project manuals and outlines. Check carefully the recommendations for kind and size of container, and method of labeling. Only standard containers, specifically designed for the purpose, will be accepted.
3. The fair is not responsible for items not picked up during specified hours on the day following the fair. Exhibitors should make arrangements to have entries picked up.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Limitations of State Rule 6, Section IV, do not apply to these Divisions.

4-H MINI-MEMBER PROJECTS

Participation Ribbons Only

LIMIT: Four different exhibits, each to be listed separately by name on entry form. No baked goods accepted.

Division 139 - Mini-Member Projects
Class
1 Any item (Identify on entry form)

"Best in Division" Rosettes for Qualifying Divisions

4-H HOME ECONOMICS - SEWING

RULES:

1. Each exhibit to be listed separately and identified by name (dress, blouse, etc.) on entry form. "Different" means unlike in material used, pattern or style.
2. An exhibit may consist of an item judged individually, a two-piece outfit, or a coordinated exhibit of three to five items not judged elsewhere.

Division 140 - Beginning Clothing (1st Year)

Division 141 - Intermediate Clothing (2nd Year)

Division 142 - Advanced Clothing (3rd & Over)

Premiums offered per class

Class		1st	2nd	3rd
1	Single Item	$3.00	$2.00	$1.00
2	Two-Piece Outfit	$4.00	$3.00	$2.00
3	Other Sewn Item	$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

4-H FOODS & NUTRITION

RULES:

1. All items entered in these divisions become the property of the fair.
2. Each entry must be made from a different recipe.
3. Entry form must list type of food.
4. Limit: Eight entries per exhibitor.

MINIMUM QUANTITIES:

Muffins, Biscuits, Rolls, Brownies,
Candies, Cookies ..... One-half dozen
Cakes, Pie ..... One-quarter + one slice
Bread .....One-half loaf

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 143 - Foods & Nutrition

Class

1 Food & Nutrition Beginning (1st Year)
2 Food & Nutrition Intermediate (2nd Year)
3 Food & Nutrition Advanced (3rd Year and Over)

4-H FOOD PRESERVATION

RULES:

1. Two *identical* containers (including size, type of container, lid, etc.) will be required for each entry. One container will be opened for judging, the other container will remain on display for duration of the fair.
2. Opened containers not picked up by 5:00 pm on June 8, will become the property of the Fair.
3. Each entry a different product or the same product preserved by a different method.
4. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation (month, day, and year), processing method, and processing time.
5. Entries must have been home prepared and canned by the exhibitor within one year of judging date.
6. Entry form must list the type of product (fruit, vegetable, preserve, etc.) and the method or process used.
7. The two approved methods of canning are: boiling-water canning for high-acid foods, steam-pressure canning for low-acid foods.
8. All exhibits must be in sealed jars. No paraffin seals.
9. An appropriate amount of headspace for the product canned should be allowed. Leave ¼-inch headspace for soft spreads and pickled foods (except sauerkraut); ½-inch headspace for fruits, tomatoes and sauerkraut; 1-inch headspace for vegetables.
10. Product pieces should be uniform in size and packed snugly but allow for circulation of liquids. Liquids should cover the product, keeping within the headspace guidelines. Liquids should be clear and free from cloudiness and small particles.
11. LIMIT: Eight entries per exhibitor

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 144 – Food Preservation

Class

1 Food Preservation Beginning (1st Year)
2 Food Preservation Intermediate (2nd Year)
3 Food Preservation Advanced (3rd Year and over)

4-H ARTS & CRAFTS

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

1. If a member is entering an item that is pre-cut or pre-stamped, a note should be attached stating which portion of the item he/she completed.
2. Exhibitors should choose projects within their ability to complete and will be judged on the neatness and artistry of the exhibit.

Division 145 – Woodcraft

Entries may include projects in Toole Painting, Wood Burning, Doll Making, Etc.

Class

1 Woodcraft Beginning (1st Year)
2 Woodcraft Intermediate (2nd Year)
3 Woodcraft Advanced (3rd Year and Over)

Division 146 - Holiday Crafts
Class
1 Ceramics
2 Fabric
3 Wood
4 Any other (Identify on entry form)

Division 147 - Other Arts & Crafts
Entries may include Leather craft, Macramé, Crocheting, Doll Making, Flower Arranging (no fresh flowers accepted), Painting, Weaving, Drawing, and other 4-H Arts and Crafts Projects not listed elsewhere.
Limit of 3 different exhibits per project area (maximum of 9 entries), each to be listed separately by project and item name on entry form.
Class
1 Other Arts & Crafts Beginning (1st Year)
2 Other Arts & Crafts Intermediate (2nd Year)
3 Other Arts & Crafts Advanced (3rd Year and Over)

4-H MECHANICAL SCIENCE
Beatrice Trindade, Superintendent

Other Mechanical Science Division: for Automotive and Tractor Refurbishing, Small Engines, Tool and Equipment Repair, Bicycle, or other 4-H Mechanical Science Projects not listed elsewhere.
1. Small Engine projects ***MUST INCLUDE*** a list of parts used and/or a sequence of photographs showing work completed as part of the entry. Projects entered without parts list or photo sequence will be disqualified.
2. Limit of 3 different exhibits per project area (maximum of 9 entries), each to be listed separately by project and item name on entry form.

Best in Division Awarded
Best of Show Awarded
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 148 - 4-H Wood Working
Class
1 Beginning (1st Year)
2 Intermediate (2nd year)
3 Advanced (3rd Year)

Division 149 - 4-H Electrical
Class
1 Beginning (1st Year)
2 Intermediate (2nd year)
3 Advanced (3rd Year)

Division 150 - 4-H Rebuilt Tractor
Class
1 Beginning (1st Year)
2 Intermediate (2nd year)
3 Advanced (3rd Year)

Division 151 - 4-H Other Mechanical Science
Class
1 Beginning (1st Year)
2 Intermediate (2nd year)
3 Advanced (3rd Year)

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY
Bea Trindade, Superintendent

Prints may be matted (construction paper may NOT be used) or framed. Framed articles must be ready for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. Framed articles not ready for hanging will be rejected.
Digital cameras may be used for photographs. The images MUST be of photographic quality and printed on photo quality paper.

Premiums offered per Division, per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Division 152 – Photography
Class
1 4-H Photography Beginning (1st Year)
2 4-H Photography Intermediate (2nd Year)
3 4-H Photography Advanced (3rd Year and Over)

4-H FLORICULTURE
Bunnie Becker, Superintendent

RULES:
1. Entry must list variety of each entry.
2. Plant must be established in container at least three months prior to fair. Plants or cuttings without roots will not be accepted
3. Exhibits must be free of injurious insects or disease and must be maintained in good condition. (Exhibitors must maintain their entries from 9 am to 12 pm each day) Entries not maintained to show standard, will forfeit premiums)
4. All containers required to exhibit materials will be supplied by the exhibitor and should be suitable material (For example, milk cartons and foam cups are not suitable containers) Pot size should be in proportion to plant size.
5. Containers with drain holes must be placed in a saucer.
6. No decorative foil or ribbon on containers
7. Exhibits received June 9th, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor

Division 153 - Mini-Member Project
Participation Ribbons Only
Class
1 Fairy Garden
2 Miniature Landscape

4–H Plant Divisions

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Division 154 – Outdoor Plants
One entry per class
One Gallon nursery container
Identify Entry
Class
1 Shrubs & Vines
2 Trees

Division 155 – Outdoor Bedding Plants
One entry per class
4" Pot
Jumbo Packs will not be accepted
Identify Entry
Class
1 Flower Seedlings
2 Rooted Cuttings

Division 156 – House Plants
One entry per class
4" – 10" Pots
Identify Entry
Class
1 Flowering Plant
2 Foliage Plant

Division 157 – Outdoor Patio Plants
One entry per class
Identify Entry
Class
1 Succulent
2 Cactus
3 Cactus & Succulent Mix
4 Any Other

Division 158 – Cut Flowers
One entry per class
One to three blooms per entry, buds do not count
Identify Entry
Class
1 Cut Flowers

4-H Garden Projects

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Premiums offered

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$2.00	$1.00

No Entry Fees

Division 159– Garden Project Construction
Limit: One Entry per Class
Class
1 Small - Bird Houses, Stepping Stones, etc.

FFA FLORICULTURE DIVISIONS DEPARTMENT #15

Bunnie Becker, Superintendent

Limited to students from Merced County High Schools and Chowchilla High School

Plant Science Divisions

Premiums offered per class,
max of $1,000.00 per chapter awarded

1st	2nd	3rd
$5.00	$4.00	$3.00

Entry Fee: None

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
1. Open to all FFA Chapters
2. Limit: one entry per class, per exhibitor
3. Exhibitor tags to be placed by student

Division 160 – Nursery Landscape Plants
One Gallon nursery container
Identify entry
Class
1 Shrubs & Vines
2 Trees

Division 161 – Outdoor Bedding Plants
(4" Potted Specimens)
Class
1 Ground Cover
2 Annuals
3 Perennials

Premiums offered

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
$200.00	$150.00	$100.00	$50.00

Entry Fee: $10.00 per entry

Division 162 – "Chopped Gone Floral"
1. Must **Pre-Enter** by May 7th
2. Open to all individual FFA members.
3. Contest to be held in the Floriculture Department, Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 pm
4. Live competition, floral arrangement open to the public
5. Exhibitors are given 45 minutes to complete arrangements
6. **Tools to be supplied by students**
7. Flowers and container will be provided by fair

Class
1 Freshman & Sophomore
2 Juniors & Seniors

FFA AG MECHANICS DIVISIONS DEPARTMENT #16

Adam Davis, Superintendent

Limited to students from Merced County High Schools and Chowchilla High School

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

RULES:

1. By entering FFA Agricultural Mechanics the Exhibitor understands and agrees that all premiums earned will be paid directly to the FFA School Chapter.
2. All Small and Medium items will be displayed indoors.
3. Large exhibit items may be displayed outdoors.
4. Students entering exhibits must be regularly enrolled in a high school that is following the California State Plan for Vocational Agriculture.
5. Exhibits need not be owned by exhibitor. However, all must be the products of students as a regular part of their instruction in Agricultural Mechanics for the past year.
6. Exhibitor must have been the major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit.
7. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year.
8. All items entered MUST BE clean and ready for display. The Superintendent may reject items not meeting this requirement.
9. Exhibitors may not enter more than one article from the same pattern.
10. Limitations of State Rule 6, Section IV, do not apply to these Divisions.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Exhibit size, uniqueness and workmanship will be taken into consideration.

Award categories:

OUTSTANDING WELDING EXHIBIT

OUTSTANDING WOODWORKING EXHIBIT

MOST INNOVATIVE/ORIGINAL EXHIBIT

OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT

CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: The FFA Chapter with the highest amount of premium money will receive a Chapter Sweepstakes plaque.

CHAPTER GROUP AWARD: The FFA Chapter with the best five projects entered as a group will receive a Chapter Group Plaque. Rosettes will be awarded to second and third place. The five projects to be judged as the group entry must be identified on Saturday, June 6th, when brought to the fairgrounds. All five projects must be entered and judged as individual projects.

Limit: one entry per chapter.

Division 163 - Small Equipment Constructed

Construction costs $15 or less

Limit three entries per class, except where noted

Exhibits Received: Friday, May 29, 3 pm – 7 & Saturday, May 30 9am – 5 pm

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

Entry Fee: none

Class

1 Cold Metal
2 Electrical - One working project required to constitute one entry.
3 Rope Work - One working project required to constitute one entry.
4 Sheet Metal
5 Welding and Forging
6 Woodwork (Limit of 4)
7 Combination

Division 164 - Medium Equipment Constructed

Construction costs between $15 and $50

Limit three entries per class, except where noted

Exhibits Received: Friday, May 29, 3 pm – 7 & Saturday, May 30 9am – 5 pm

Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$6.00	$4.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none

Class

1 Sheet Metal
2 Welding
3 Wood Work (Limit 4)
4 Combination

Division 165 - Large Equipment Constructed

Projects Received, Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Premiums offered per class

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1 Type I (Construction costs between $50 and $150)	$10.00	$ 8.00	$6.00
2 Type II (Construction costs between $150 and $750)	$15.00	$12.00	$9.00
3 Type III (Construction costs $750 and Over)	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

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NEW AG MECHANICS AUCTION & SALES PROGRAM

Rules:

1. 4-H & FFA members are eligible
2. Only exhibits earning a first place (Danish System) ribbon will be eligible for the auction.
3. Projects must have been started and completed during the 12-month period preceding the fair.
4. Projects must be completed upon receiving. No work, additions or embellishments can be done once the project is received at the fair.
5. Exhibitors must establish a reasonable minimum or starting bid, based on the value of their project. This price will be the starting bid if item is sold at auction – or the sale price listed for building sale items.
6. Exhibitors must enter item for auction.
7. Exhibitors are limited to selling one Ag Mechanics project per year.
8. All items sold will be charged a 6% commission, to fund program costs and establish a contingency fund.
9. Exhibitors are encouraged to promote the auction and solicit buyers.
10. Advisors will be notified as soon as possible after judging if item is selected for live auction.
11. The judges will select items, up to 8, to be sold in the live auction. Items will be sold on Saturday, June 13th in the Hilmar Cheese Barn.
12. Exhibitors who earn a spot in the live auction are required to attend in uniform in order to present their item as it is being sold.

Division 166 – Ag Mechanics Auction
Class

1. Project valued at $249 or less (please describe)
2. Project valued at $250 or more (please describe)

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DISCOVERING SCIENCE DIVISION DEPARTMENT #17

Selina Cipriano, Superintendent

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, and engage in experimental learning.

Entries Close	Thursday, May 7	by 11:59 pm
Exhibits Received	Friday, May 29	3 pm – 7 pm
Exhibits Received	Saturday, May 30	9 am – 5 pm
Exhibits Released	Monday, June 15	9 am – 5 pm

Requirements for judging at the fair:

1. **Project on Display**
2. **All entries must be original work of the exhibitor.**
3. **The project may be entered in one class only**

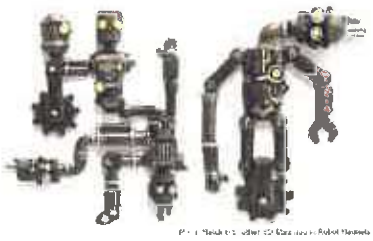
Premiums offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd
$10.00	$5.00	$2.00

Entry Fee: none
Best of Show Rosette

Division 167 - Robotics
Class

1. From Kit
2. Any other Original Design



ENTRY FORM

MERCED COUNTY FAIR
900 Martin Luther King Jr Way
Merced Ca 95341
209-722-1506
Enter Online at
www.MercedCountyFair.com

Please Circle One
Adult (20 yrs +)
Junior (19 yrs -)
4-H FFA
Club Name / Chapter

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ School / Organization _____

For Junior Exhibitors: Birth date _____/_____/_____ Grade Level_____

Check Exhibitor's Handbook For Division and Class Numbers, Entry Fees and Dates
A Separate Entry Form is Required For <u>Each Department</u> Entered

PLEASE PRINT! ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LEGIBLE

	Dept Number	Division Number	Class Number	Brief Description (Name, Kind, Variety)	Entry Fee
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
				Total Entry Fees $	

HOLD HARMLESS STATEMENT - PLEASE READ AND SIGN:
Upon signature and submittal of entry form, exhibitors and their agents acknowledge that: a) They understand the State Rules for California Fairs and the local rules as printed in the Exhibitor's Handbook; b) They agree to abide by them; c) They certify that all information on this form is true and correct; d) They agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any violation of the rules; e) Responsibility: Greatest care will be exercised in the handling of exhibits, but the 35th District Agricultural Association, WILL NOT BE HELD liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.

X _____
Exhibitor's Signature

X _____
Parent / Guardian Signature (Required for Junior Entry)

X _____
Advisor / Leader Signature (Required for 4-H & FFA Entry)

FAIR USE ONLY
Date Received:
Received By:
Receipt No.:
Exhibitor Code: