



2019 Amherst County Fair Contest, Exhibits and Show Rules, Regulations and Entry Forms

General Rules and Regulations

1. Entries are welcome from all Amherst County residents.
2. PREREGISTRATION of entries is strongly suggested. The official registration blank or a reasonable facsimile will be accepted through August 14th. Please fax or drop off forms to the Amherst Cooperative Extension office at (434) 964-9404. **Entry items and forms may be dropped off at the fair on Thursday, August 15th beginning at 3 pm. Cut off for entries to arrive at fairgrounds for judging is 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15th. No entry items will be accepted at the Amherst Cooperative Extension office. All entries must be dropped off at the fairgrounds.**
3. Exhibitors may enter **only one article per class**, but may enter as many classes as desired. Ribbons will be posted on all exhibits before fair opens on **Friday, August 16th**. The stub from the exhibit tag must be presented to redeem for the ribbon. **Ribbons not picked up by 12:00 p.m. Sunday, August 18, 2019 will be moved to the Amherst Extension Office.** The right is reserved by the Fair to withhold the ribbons awarded in every case in which it shall appear the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been attempted, or where the article is not worthy. Its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
4. **No article will be accepted** unless it has a class listed for it in the rules/regulations. Articles entered in Oddity or Exhibitor's Choice classes **must not** fit in any class listed. (Give a description of these classes on the entry form.)
5. The exhibitors are **solely** responsible for deciding the proper class for their entry; entries improperly classified will not be changed or judged. We reserve the right to accept or refuse an exhibit.
6. Exhibits must be made or grown in the last 12 months, by the person entering the exhibit.
7. Where any conflict occurs between these general rules and the special rules governing the different departments, the department rules will take precedence.

8. The Amherst County Fair will not be responsible for any accident or injury to the person or property of any exhibitor, spectator, attendant, or any other person from any cause whatsoever. The Agency will provide sufficient security from Thursday, August 15th starting at 3:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 18, 2018 until 12 p.m.
9. The exhibitor agrees to indemnify the Amherst Extension Office and Amherst County Fair against any claim or liability for damage by him or her or equipment. Any insurance desired on any entry must be acquired by the exhibitor.
10. All articles received will be entirely under the control and jurisdiction of the management of the Fair. No exhibitor will be allowed to remove, handle, or rearrange the exhibit.
11. Entries will be accepted in each department on a first come basis. The exhibitor will be advised if all space has been assigned prior to the receipt of an entry. Space will be assigned by the chairperson in charge.
12. If it is ascertained that an exhibitor or person associated with an exhibitor has made or caused to make a false statement in regard to any articles exhibited, or if exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competing or from exhibition on the grounds of the Fair.

Judging and Department Rules

1. The decision of the judges will be final.
2. Competition is open to all interested parties. Youth is 18 or younger and Adults 19 and older.
3. Awards (youth only): 1st – Blue Ribbon, 2nd – Red Ribbon, 3rd – White Ribbon
4. **Contest items may be removed on Saturday, August 17th beginning at 9:00 pm, or anytime on Sunday, August 18th. Any items not removed on Sunday at fair close will be properly disposed of.**
5. Ribbons will be posted on all exhibits before fair opens on **Friday, August 16th.**
6. The stub from the exhibit tag must be presented to redeem the ribbon.
7. **Ribbons not picked up by 12:00 p.m. Sunday, August 18, 2019 will be moved to the Amherst Extension Office.**
8. The right is reserved by the Fair to withhold the prizes awarded in every case in which it shall appear the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been attempted, or where the article is not worthy. Its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

DEPARTMENT A – FIELD CROPS, VEGETABLES

Contact Information: Amherst Extension Office (434) 946-9365

Please note: any item left at the tent after noon on Monday, along with ribbons/awards will be available for pick up at the Extension office. Items may be removed by department supervisor if deemed necessary. i.e. spoilage

Department A Rules

1. Each exhibitor may have only one exhibit in each class.
2. Each exhibit must have specified number of specimens.
3. Each exhibit must have been harvested within past 12 months.
4. Each exhibit must be packaged/bundled prior to entrance.
5. Any item may be removed by department supervisor if deemed necessary (i.e. spoilage)

DIVISION –

Adult

Note: Adult – 19 and older

Section I –Watermelon

Class

1. Largest
2. Best Quality

Section II – Apples

Class

1. Red, 4 specimen
2. Yellow, 4 specimen

Section III – Corn

Class

1. Tallest Ear

Section IV - Pumpkin

Class

1. Largest
2. Best Quality

Section V - Tomatoes

Class

1. Best Display of 5 piece specimen

Section VI – Mixed Hay

Class

1. Most attractive bale or bundle

Section VII – Vegetable Basket

Class

1. Most attractive display. Minimum of 6 different vegetables.

DEPARTMENT B – Baked Goods

Contact Information: Amherst Extension Office (434) 946-9365

Department B Rules

1. All baked goods become property of the Amherst County Fair.
2. Commercially prepared mixes, pie shells, or fillings may not be used.
3. Recipe must be submitted with all baked goods. Entries without recipe will not be accepted.
4. All baked goods must be submitted on disposable plates and covered or sealed with clear plastic wrap or sealable (Ziploc) bags. Baked goods will be disposed of once they become unpresentable during the fair (i.e. Spoilage).
5. Please be aware that items cannot be refrigerated and therefore icing will most likely melt in the heat.
6. Please make sure that you submit the quantity indicated for each category.

Judging Criteria:

1. Appearance – Shape, Size, Rounded, Even.....15 points
2. Crust – Color, Crispness, Thickness, Flaky.....20 points
3. Crumb – Texture, Lightness, Moist, Color.....30 points
4. Flavor – Taste, Texture, Moist.....35 points
5. Total -100 points

Quantities for each Class:

1. Breads – 1 loaf
2. Cakes – 1 whole cake
3. Cookies/Brownies – 6 each entry
4. Pies – 1 whole pie

DIVISION –

Adult or Youth

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SECTION I – BREADS

Class

1. Sourdough Bread
2. Bread, White
3. Bread, any other bread
4. Whole Wheat Bread
5. Yeast Rolls
6. Cinnamon Rolls
7. Sourdough Rolls
8. Biscuits (specify)
9. Cornmeal Muffins
10. Blueberry Muffins
11. Cornbread
12. Banana Bread
13. French Bread
14. Zucchini Bread
15. Exhibitor's Choice

SECTION II - CAKES

Class

1. Zucchini Cake
2. Angel Food Cake
3. Pound Cake
4. Applesauce Cake
5. Fruit Cake
6. Exhibitor's Choice

SECTION III – COOKIES

Class

1. Chocolate Chip
 - a. With nuts
 - b. W/O nuts
2. Oatmeal
3. Peanut Butter
4. Sugar
5. Brownies
6. Butter
7. Bar (specify)
8. Exhibitor's Choice

SECTION IV – PIES

Class

1. Buttermilk
2. Apple
3. Cherry
4. Lemon Chess
5. Pecan
6. Sweet Potato
7. Coconut
8. Chocolate Chess
9. Peach
10. Pumpkin
11. Squash
12. Exhibitor's Choice

DEPARTMENT C – CANNED GOODS

Contact Information: Amherst Extension Office (434) 946-9365

Department C Rules

- 1. Foods should be canned in standard glass canning jars (such as Kerr, Ball, Anchor-Hocking, etc.) for exhibiting.
- 2. Jars must be labeled with type of food and date.
- 3. There must not be names on jars.
- 4. Rings should be on jars with vacuum sealed lids.
- 5. Any jar may be opened at the discretion of the judge.
- 6. **All foods must have been canned during the past year.**
- 7. Paraffin on top of jellies, preserves or jams will not be accepted by judges.
- 8. Factors to be considered by judges: rusty lids and bands, unclean jars, nonstandard jars, sediment on bottom of jars, foreign matter inside jars, molded food, amount of liquid covering food, amount of head space, uniform pieces, clear liquid, color, etc.

Judging Criteria:

- 1. Quality (judged by appearance)..... 60 points
(Uniformity (size, shape, and color). Packed full, right proportion of solids and liquids, attractive, and compact, but not fancy.)
 - 2. Quality of Liquid..... 30 points
 - 3. Appearance of Jar: Clear, neatly labeled).....10 points
- Total: 100 points

DIVISION –

Adult

Note: Adult – 19 and older

SECTION 1 – VEGETABLES

Class

- 1. Green Beans
- 2. Salsa
- 3. Tomatoes, crushed
- 4. Tomatoes, sauce
- 5. Tomatoes, whole

SECTION II – JAMS/JELLIES

Class

1. Apple
2. Blackberry
3. Grape
4. Strawberry
5. Peach
6. Pepper

SECTION III – PICKLES/RELISH

Class

1. Dill Pickles
2. Sweet Dill Pickles
3. Bread and Butter
4. Pepper Relish
5. Pickles, Other
6. Relish, Other

DEPARTMENT D – JERKY

Contact Information: Amherst Extension Office (434) 946-9365

Department D Rules

1. Product being entered MUST NOT require any cooking to be served. Product Must Be Dry Cured or Smoked. A minimum amount of ¼ pound of each entry must be submitted for judging.
2. Recipe and process must be clearly written and included with submission.
3. Each entry must be in a sealed plastic bag (Ziploc or Vacuum Sealed acceptable) with an Entry Label firmly attached to the bag. (Please Do Not staple label to bag, attach with tape.)
4. Categories may be merged at judge's discretion if not enough entries.

Judging Criteria

Appearance: Does it have an appetizing look? Does it look like you really can't wait to taste it?

Aroma: Does it smell like something you want to eat? Or does it have an unappealing scent?

Texture: Is it too tough or too soft? Is it stringy or is to overly dry and hard?

Taste: Is it salty? Is the flavor too strong or too weak? How do the different flavors blend together?

Chew: Is it hard to chew or too soft?

After Taste: Does it leave a favorable taste in your mouth?

Overall Appeal: Does it leave you wanting more?

DIVISION –

Adult

Note: Adult – 19 and older

SECTION I – Jerky

Class

1. Beef
2. Venison
3. Other

DEPARTMENT F – HORTICULTURE – CONTAINER GARDENS

Contact Information: Amherst Extension Office (434) 946-9365

Department F Rules

1. Any amateur grower may exhibit.
2. Entries must be fresh flowers/herbs only, grown by exhibitor, free of insects.
3. Each exhibitor may have only one exhibit.
4. A collection consists of 4 or more different colors or different varieties.
5. Exhibitors must furnish containers. These containers must be clean, neat, with no labels, filled with water, and weighted where necessary.
6. Containers gardens will be used as decorations throughout the fair. Amherst County Fair is not liable for damage to the plants or containers.

DIVISION –

Adult or Youth

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SECTION I– Container Gardens

Class

1. Open

DEPARTMENT G – Mr./Mrs. Potato Head

Contact Information: Amherst Extension Office (434) 946-9365

Department G Rules

1. Entry must use a real potato and be decorated to create a theme.
2. Entry must have no more than 15 items attached to it.
3. Bottom of potato can be sliced off so that it stands freely.

DIVISION –

Adult or Youth

Note: Youth - 18 and younger;

Adult – 19 and older

SECTION I– Mr./Mrs. Potato Head

Class

1. Open



Amherst County Fair Contest Entry Form

Note: When making entries in multiple departments, please list all entries on one form per participant.

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

Division: Adult Youth

Dept.	Class	Description	Award	Claim #

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