

DIVISION 50 - 2026
FARM GARDEN CROPS AND FRUIT
Deb Schake Superintendent

Entries in this department must have been grown in Buffalo County by the exhibitor in the present year, unless otherwise stated, and sworn to if requested. All articles must be in good condition and entered true to name. **Exhibitors must have Exhibitor Card to enter articles in this Division to receive premium money.**

Open Class Farm Garden Crops and Fruit will be released on Monday, July 27, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No early release.

HOW TO ENTER FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Entries must be entered online at www.buffalocountyfairgrounds.com

–click buffalo county fair link, scroll down to open class, register as an exhibitor, enter all of your entries and purchase an exhibitor card at the fair office. Call 308-236-1201 with questions.

All entries close Monday July 20, 2026, at Midnight. No entries will be received/accepted after that time.

Entry drop off day: Tuesday, July 21, 2026, from 1-7 p.m. Perishables must be entered but can be dropped off until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2026. All exhibits must be in place by 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2026. Judging begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

**** If you are unable to enter your items online, please enter in person at the Buffalo County Fair office. Deadline for entry in person is Monday, July 20, 2026, 4:00 p.m. No late entries accepted. All Tags will be ready for pickup from 1-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.**

Awards will be made according to merit. No awards will be given to articles that are not worthy. Premiums paid only on articles listed in this information. Stickers will be awarded unless ribbons are requested. Blue is first place; Red is second place and White is third place. Plates and containers will be furnished except if noted. Two entries may be exhibited under each number listed under each class. Exceptions are 2B Feature Exhibit and 3B Youth Exhibit, one entry only. Check for quantity required for exhibit.

1B. GARDEN COLLECTION

Subject to the following rules: Entrant must be approved by the superintendent.

Space will be assigned by the superintendent. \$150 to \$250 will be prorated by the number of exhibits, according to the number of points earned by each collection.

Collections will be judged on artistic arrangement, classes represented, and number of premiums.

Individual premiums won by entries will count as follows:

First Premiums, 100 points

Second Premiums, 75 points

Third Premiums, 50 points

A garden collection shall consist of at least one (1) entry from any twelve (12) of the thirty-six (36) Classes listed (which include fruit and nuts). Displays will be judged for quality, quantity and general appearance. Classes do not include 2B Feature Exhibit or 3B Youth Exhibit for Garden Collection.

2B. FEATURE EXHIBIT

FOOD BASKET — ONE PER FAMILY

Entry will be shown in a bushel basket turned on its side. Baskets are furnished by the fair board. Baskets will be set up by the superintendent prior to exhibiting. No decorations may be placed on the baskets. Entry to be an assortment of fresh edible garden products consisting of any six (6) or more vegetables in a suitable amount to exhibit in a bushel basket. For example, all peppers count as one kind of vegetable. Baskets will be judged for artistic effect, quality and general appearance. No canned goods. Feature entries will be shown in a group, separate from garden collection or other exhibits. Prizes won on this entry cannot be counted for score in garden collection. **Baskets in place by 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026.**

Premiums

First, \$15

Second, \$12

Third, \$10

Fourth, \$9

Fifth, \$8

Sixth, \$7

Seventh, \$6

Eighth, \$5

3B. YOUTH EXHIBIT

MINI FOOD BASKET — ONE ENTRY PER CHILD

All exhibitors need to be 10 years of age or younger. Entry to be a collection of home-grown garden vegetables, at least three (3) and not more than eight (8) different kinds. For example, all peppers count as one kind of vegetable. Entry will be shown in an apple basket turned on its side. Baskets are furnished by the fair board and will be set up by the superintendent prior to

exhibiting. No other decorations are to be placed on the baskets. A cloth may be placed under the vegetables in the basket. The basket must be arranged at time of entry, by the youth only. They will be judged on quality, variety and arrangement. All basket displays must be in place by **8:30 a.m. on Thursday July 23, 2026.**

Premiums

First, \$10

Second, \$9

Third, \$8

Fourth, \$7

Fifth, \$6

Sixth, \$5

Seventh, \$4

Eighth, \$3

Premiums for Classes 1-11:

Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$2

CLASS 1. FIELD CORN Grown in 2026

1. Five ears, Yellow Dent
2. Five ears, Flour or Flint (large ears)

CLASS 2. SWEET CORN Grown in 2026

3. Five ears, Yellow. Don't peel. Bring in with husks on.

CLASS 3. POPCORN Grown in 2026

4. Five ears, Large Yellow
5. Five ears, Any other variety
6. Five ears, White

CLASS 4. FIELD CORN Grown in 2025

7. Five ears, Yellow Dent
8. Five ears, Flour or Flint (Large ears)

CLASS 5. SWEET CORN Grown in 2025

9. Five ears, Yellow

CLASS 6. POPCORN Grown in 2025

10. Five ears, White
11. Five ears, Large Yellow
12. Five ears, Any Other Variety
13. Five ears Strawberry
14. Five ears Ornamental

CLASS 7. MARKET GRAINS Most current crop

15. Rye
16. Oats
17. Barley
18. Winter Wheat
19. Grain Sorghum
20. Soybeans

CLASS 8. FIELD SEEDS 2025 crops may be exhibited in this class in case 2026 crops have not been harvested.

21. Alfalfa
22. Sweet Clover
23. Brome Grass
24. Wheat Grass
25. Sudan
26. Forage Sorghum

CLASS 9. GRAIN SHEAVES

Grain Sheaves must be 2 inches in diameter at center of banded portion. They shall be judged as sheaves, considering the type, quality and appearance of the sheaf.

27. Sheaf of Oats
28. Sheaf of Rye
29. Sheaf of Wheat
30. Sheaf of Barley

CLASS 10. FORAGE SHEAVES

Sheaves must be at least 2 inches in diameter, neatly bound, and well cured. Sudan, millets and grasses must be mature enough to show emerged heads. Forage sheaves shall be judged for types and quality as forage.

31. Alfalfa
32. Sudan Grass
33. Forage Millet - German
34. Cool Season - Brome
35. Warm Season – Buffalo, any pasture grasses

CLASS 11. STALK DISPLAY

Entries in this lot shall be judged from the standpoint of best plant types for the purpose for which the crop is grown, whether for grain, forage or otherwise. Stalks may be shown green, freshly cut. Samples shall be three (3) stalks.

36. Field Corn
37. Sweet Corn
38. Popcorn

39. Flint Corn
40. Grain Sorghum
41. Any other forage
42. Soybeans - bundle together

Premiums for Classes 12-26:

Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$2

CLASS 12. BEANS - Samples will be twelve (12) on a plate.

43. Lima Pods
44. Green in Pods
45. Yellow Wax in Pods
46. Any other Beans

CLASS 13. BEETS

47. Three (3) Beets Washed but not scrubbed, tops trimmed uniformly 1 1/2 -2" above crown. Leave roots on.

CLASS 14. CABBAGE Show with outer leaves, but remove damaged leaves and remove root.

- 48.. One (1) Head Green Cabbage
49. One (1) Head Red Cabbage

CLASS 15. CUCUMBERS Leave 1/2" of stem

50. Three (3) Slicers
51. Five (5) Pickling

CLASS 16. CARROTS

52. Five (5) Carrots. Tops trimmed to 1-1 1/2" above crown. Wash carefully but do not scrub; swish in water.

CLASS 17. WATERMELON

53. One (1) large round
54. One (1) small round
- 55 One (1) long
56. One (1) large specimen

CLASS 18. CANTELOUPE

57. One (1) Cantaloupe. Brush clean after soil is dry.

CLASS 19. ONIONS Sample to be three (3) onions. Remove only outer scales that are broken or discolored. Trim to 1-1 1/2". Trim root to 1/4 to 1/2". Wipe or brush but do not wash. Swish in water and then dry.

58. Red
59. Yellow
60. White

CLASS 20. PEPPERS Three (3) on a plate. Entries must be made under the proper entry number for the variety. Trim stem to ½”.

61. Green Sweet Peppers
62. Yellow Sweet Peppers
- 63 Small Green (Sweet Cherry) Peppers
64. Hot Peppers Green
65. Hot Peppers Yellow
66. Hot Peppers Red

CLASS 21. POTATOES Samples to be three (3) on a plate. Do not wash, just swish in water.

67. Red
68. White
69. Russet
70. Yukon Gold
71. Fingerling
72. Any other variety

CLASS 22. SWEET POTATOES

73 . Sweet Potatoes. Sample to be three (3). Can be cleaned but not washed.

CLASS 23. PUMPKINS and SQUASH Sample to be two (2) specimens except for the largest specimen, one (1). Entries must be made under the proper entry number for the variety.

74. Sweet Pie Pumpkin
75. Field Pumpkin
76. Cushaw Squash
77. Hubbard Squash
78. Acorn Squash
79. Buttercup Squash
80. Any other Winter Squash
81. Green Summer Squash leave ½ to 1” of stem
82. Yellow Summer Squash leave ½ to 1” of stem
83. Scallop Squash
84. Largest Pumpkin
85. Largest Squash (longest not counting stem)
86. Squash - Heaviest by weight
87. Butternut Squash
88. Turban Squash
89. Golden Nugget Squash

90. Miniature Pumpkins Three (3) Leave stem 1 inch.

91. Spaghetti Squash

CLASS 24. TOMATOES – take stems off

92. Three (3) Red tomatoes

93. Three (3) Yellow tomatoes

94. Three (3) Paste or Italian tomatoes - Roma

95. Three (3) Green (unripe) tomatoes

96. Six (6) Salad Tomatoes - Grape or Cherry

97. Six (6) Preserving Tomatoes

CLASS 25. MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES

98. Okra. Plate of three (3). Leave stems attached and trim to ¼”.

99. Eggplant. Two (2). Leave stem 1 to 1 1/2” long. Wipe clean but do not wash.

100. Kohlrabi. Three (3) Clean but do not wash. Remove root ½” below the ball.

101. Parsnips. Three (3)

102. Rhubarb. Three (3) stalks. Remove all but 1” of leaf. Bind stalks together. Pull out of ground and leave bottom.

103. Turnips. Three (3). Leave 2” stem.

104. Most unusual freak

105. Novelty Class (Identify what the novelty is)

106. Ornamental Gourds. Plate of three (3). Small. Less than 3” in diameter. Judged for color and shape. Leave stems on.

107. Ornamental gourds. Plate of three (3) Large. More than 3” in diameter. Judged for color and shape. Leave stems on.

108. Largest gourd. One (1)

109. Leeks. Plate of five (3)

110. Brussels Sprouts Six (6)

111. Celery – One (1) plant

112. Cauliflower – One (1) head

113. Broccoli - One (1) head

114. Snow Peas – Five (5). Trim to ¼ inch

115. Kale – 1 bunch 2-3”

116. Horseradish – 3 crowns

117. Any other Vegetable

CLASS 26. HERBS Show three (3) specimens of herbs in water in an approximate 4” high small vase or jelly jar. **Do not show with any leaves in the water. Bring your own**

container.

118. Mint
119. Thyme
120. Sage
121. Parsley
122. Fennel - Grown for their seeds. Do not exhibit in water. Tie or band together on plate provided.
123. Chives
124. Lavender
125. Stevia
126. Cilantro
127. Rosemary
128. Basil
129. Dill - Show headed and fastened together, not in water, but on a plate provided.
130. Tarragon
131. Lemon Balm
132. Oregano
133. Garlic. Bring in dried. Cut roots ¼ - ½"
134. Any other herbs. Three (3) specimens of one kind

FRUITS

Premiums for Class 27: Blue \$4; Red \$3, White \$2

CLASS 27. APPLES

135. Three (3) Gala
136. Three (3) Jonathan
137. Three (3) Yellow Delicious
138. Three (3) Jona Gold
139. Three (3) McIntosh
140. Three (3) Fuji
141. Three (3) Jona Prince
142. Three (3) Red Delicious
143. Three (3) Honeycrisp
144. Three (3) Golden Delicious
145. Three (3) York
146. Five (5) Red Crabs
147. Five (5) Striped Crabs
148. Five (5) Whitney Crabs

149 . Three (3) Any other variety of apples

CLASS 28. COLLECTION OF APPLES

Blue \$5; Red \$4; White \$3

150. Best and largest collection of apples, two (2) specimens of each kind. Must include three (3) or more varieties.

Premiums for Classes 29-36:

Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$2

CLASS 29. PEARS

151. Three (3) Lincoln

152. Three (3) Douglas

153. Three (3) Bartlett

154. Three (3) Flemish Beauty

155. Three (3) Pattern

156. Three (3) Any other variety

CLASS 30. PLUMS - show without stems

157. Three (3) Blue

158. Three (3) Red

159. Three (3) Yellow

CLASS 31. GRAPES

160. Two (2) Bunches Blue

161. Two (2) Bunches Red

162. Two (2) Bunches White

CLASS 32. PEACHES

163. Three (3) of any variety

CLASS 33. Apricots

164. Three (3) of any variety

CLASS 34. MISCELLANEOUS FRUIT

165. Any other fruit (3)

166. Blackberries (3) of any variety

167. Any other berry (3) of any variety

CLASS 35. NUTS

168. Five (5) Nuts of any variety.

Display with attachment.

CLASS 36. MISCELLANEOUS FRUIT OR NUT

169. Freak. Most unusual fruit or nut

170. Novelty Class. Any other fruit or

nut.