

Horticulture (Adult)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR FAIR OFFICE	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

HORTICULTURE (ADULT)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR	Carole Sanders
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR	TBD

For a list of Sponsors, visit www.marinfair.org after June 1, 2025.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	JUNE 27, 2025 – 11:59 PM
ENTRY RECEIVING & DROP OFF	JUNE 30 – 08:00 AM – 1:00 PM
ENTRY RELEASED	JULY 7, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org

REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit <https://marin.fairwire.com/>

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all California residents. Entries must have been grown by the Exhibitor within the county, district and/or community that the Exhibitor represents.

ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - \$2.00 per Entry | Free for Produce Art
 - a. Fees are NON-refundable.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - 1 Entry PER Class.
4. **ENTRY REMOVAL** - Accepted plants shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
 - a. Entries not collected on Release Day will be discarded.
5. **ENTRY RELEASE** - Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor.

ENTRY RULES

See Division for specific rules.

6. All Entry containers are to be labeled on the bottom with the Exhibitor's name, division, and class information.
 - a. Do NOT use irreplaceable containers.

PLANT CARE

7. Upon receipt, Floriculture & Horticulture will be under the exclusive charge of the Department Coordinators. Coordinators will give daily care (watering).
 - a. If you do not want your plant watered during the Fair, please notify a Coordinator at time of delivery to opt-out.

PUBLICITY

8. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

LIABILITY

9. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.

SCORING RULES

10. Agricultural & Horticultural entry quality must, at least, equal the quality of the commercial market and/or maturity (ripeness) as required by the State Food & Agricultural Code in order to be considered for Premium Awards. See 2025 State Rules for California Fairs for more information.
 - a. **MATURE** | Defined as having reached the stage of ripeness to ensure palatability after removal from tree, plant or vine.
 - b. **OVERRIPE** | Defined as having any advanced state of maturity undesirable for human consumption.

11. "Monstrosities" will not be considered for Premium Awards unless entered in *Division 259 | Giant or Unusual Vegetables & Fruits*.

DIVISION 250 | GARDEN HARVEST

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- Any combination of 5 or more different varieties of fruits, nuts &/or vegetables grown in your garden.
- You may enter 1 or more of a certain species or variety (Example: 1 watermelon, 4 squash, 12 beans).
- Attractively arrange your harvest in a basket, open box, or container of your choice.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Garden Harvest
2. Garden Harvest - Organically Grown

SCORECARD | GARDEN HARVEST SPECIFICALLY

QUALITY	Quality of Fruits, Nuts and/or Vegetables	40%
VARIETY	Variety of Fruits, Nuts and/or Vegetables	40%
PRESENTATION	Overall Presentation	20%
TOTAL:		100%

AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | GARDEN HARVEST

Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges

FIRST PLACE	\$15 & RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	\$10 & RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	\$RIBBON
HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON

SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST OF DIVISION (GARDEN HARVEST)	\$20 & ROSETTE
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DIVISION 251 | LAVENDER

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- **Fresh Cut** - Please bring 8 Stems in water.
- **Dried** - Please bring 8-12 Stems, tied.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Fresh Cut - French | 7. Dried - Floral Sachet or Wand |
| 2. Fresh Cut - Spanish | 8. Pillow |
| 3. Fresh Cut - Any Other | 9. Potted - Spanish |
| 4. Dried - French | 10. Potted - Any Other |
| 5. Dried - Spanish | 11. Any Other Specify |
| 6. Dried - Any Other | |

DIVISION 252 | BERRIES, FRUIT, NUTS

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

PLATE DISPLAY – Presented on a white plate or white container. Any Berry or ripe soft Fruit should be covered with plastic wrap.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Apples Quantity 4 - Any variety | 12. Peaches Quantity 5 |
| 2. Figs Quantity 5 - Any variety | 13. Plums Quantity 5 |
| 3. Grapefruit - Red or Pink Quantity 3 | 14. Strawberries Quantity 6 (Plate or Basket) |
| 4. Grapefruit - White Quantity 3 | 15. Berries - Any Other Quantity 8 (Plate or Basket) |
| 5. Grapefruit - Any Other Quantity 3 | 16. Walnuts Quantity 12 |
| 6. Lemons - Lisbon or Eureka Quantity 5 | 17. Almonds Quantity 12 |
| 7. Lemons - Meyer Quantity 5 | 18. Nuts - Any Other Quantity 12 |
| 8. Lemons - Any Other Quantity 5 | 19. Any Other Specify |
| 9. Limes Quantity 4 | |
| 10. Nectarines Quantity 3 | |
| 11. Oranges Quantity 3 | |

DIVISION 253 | HERBS - DRIED

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- *Bring in covered jelly jar or small glass jar*
- *Approximately one ounce of leaves*

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Basil | 5. Oregano | 9. Thyme |
| 2. Bay Leaves | 6. Parsley | 10. Any Other Specify |
| 3. Chives | 7. Rosemary | |
| 4. Dill | 8. Sage | |

DIVISION 254 | HERBS - FRESH

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- Bouquet in a pint jar with water.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Basil | 7. Mint | 13. Savory |
| 2. Bay Leaves | 8. Oregano | 14. Tarragon |
| 3. Cilantro | 9. Parsley - Curly Leaf | 15. Thyme |
| 4. Chives | 10. Parsley - Flat Leaf | 16. Any Other Specify |
| 5. Dill | 11. Rosemary | |
| 6. Marjoram | 12. Sage | |

DIVISION 255 | HERBS - FRESH POTTED

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- Planted in a container - Minimum of 3" in diameter.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Basil | 5. Mint | 9. Sage |
| 2. Cilantro | 6. Oregano | 10. Tarragon |
| 3. Chives | 7. Parsley - Curly Leaf | 11. Thyme |
| 4. Dill | 8. Parsley - Flat Leaf | 12. Any Other Specify |

DIVISION 256 | PRODUCE ART

Entry Fee - FREE

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- Fruit and/or Vegetable Art may not exceed 18" inches in any direction.
- Produce characters/art must be reinforced and placed on a strong and disposable white paper plate or white base.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

Transform your produce into:

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| 1. Bird(s) | 3. Insect(s) | 5. A Person or People |
| 2. Animal(s) | 4. Vehicle(s) | 6. A Scene |

DIVISION 257 | VEGETABLES - BULBS & TUBER

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

PLATE DISPLAY - Presented on a white plate or white container. A compostable white plate is preferred.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Artichokes Quantity 3 | 10. Onions - Yellow Quantity 5 |
| 2. Beets - Topped Quantity 5 - Any variety | 11. Onions - Any Other Quantity 5 |
| 3. Carrots - Topped Quantity 5 - Any variety | 12. Potatoes - Baking Quantity 5 |
| 4. Garlic - Giant Quantity 3 - Bulbs | 13. Potatoes - Boiling Quantity 5 |
| 5. Garlic - Any Other Quantity 5 | 14. Potatoes - Black or Blue Quantity 5 |
| 6. Kohlrabi Quantity 1 - Any variety | 15. Potatoes - Red Quantity 5 |
| 7. Onions - Green Quantity 10 - Bunch | 16. Potatoes - Any Other Quantity 5 |
| 8. Onions - Red Quantity 5 | 17. Radishes Quantity 12 - Bunch |
| 9. Onions - White Quantity 5 | 18. Any Other Bulb <u>OR</u> Tuber Specify |

DIVISION 258 | VEGETABLES - FRUIT & POD

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

PLATE DISPLAY - Presented on a white plate or white container. A compostable white plate is preferred.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Beans - Italian Quantity 9 pods | 8. Tomatoes - Any Large Variety Quantity 3 |
| 2. Beans - Purple String Quantity 9 pods | 9. Tomatoes - Early Girl Quantity 3 |
| 3. Beans - String Quantity 9 pods | 10. Tomatoes - Heirloom Quantity 3 |
| 4. Peas - Snow or Sugar Quantity 9 pods | 11. Tomatoes - Cherry Quantity 10 |
| 5. Peas - Any Other Quantity 9 pods | 12. Tomatoes - Pear Quantity 10 |
| 6. Peppers - Bell Quantity 2 | 13. Tomatoes - Any Other Quantity 3 for larger or 10 for tiny varieties |
| 7. Peppers - Any Other Quantity 2 for larger or 7 for small varieties | 14. Any Other Fruit or Pod Specify |

DIVISION 259 | VEGETABLES & FRUITS - GIANT OR UNUSUAL

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Vegetables & Fruits will be judged on size & shape, not quality

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Large Fruits
2. Large Vegetables | *This is the monster that got away!*
3. Unusually Shaped Fruits
4. Unusually Shaped Vegetables

DIVISION 260 | VEGETABLES - LEAFY & STEM

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

PLATE DISPLAY - Presented on a white plate or white container. A compostable white plate is preferred.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Broccoli - In Jar or Water Glass** | Quantity About 1 ½ lbs.
2. **Cabbage** | Quantity 1 Head
3. **Cauliflower** | Quantity 1 Head
4. **Swiss Chard - In Jar or Water Glass** | Quantity 1 Bundle
5. **Gourmet "Baby" Vegetables** | Such as carrots, corn, etc.
6. **Lettuce - In Jar or Water Glass**
7. **Lettuce - Potted**
8. **Rhubarb - In Jar or Water Glass** | Quantity 6 Stalks
9. **Spinach - In Jar or Water Glass** | Quantity 1 Bundle
10. **Any Other Leafy or Stem Vegetable** | Specify

DIVISION 261 | VINE CROPS

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

PLATE DISPLAY - Presented on a white plate or white container. A compostable white plate is preferred.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

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| 1. Cucumber Quantity 3 | 8. Winter Squash - Delicata |
| 2. Squash - Yellow Crooked Neck Quantity 5 | 9. Winter Squash - Little Dumplin' |
| 3. Squash - Patty Pan Quantity 5 | 10. Winter Squash - Spaghetti |
| 4. Squash - Zucchini, Green Quantity 5 | 11. Squash - Any Other |
| 5. Squash - Zucchini, Yellow Quantity 5 | 12. Melons Quantity 1 |
| 6. Squash - Zucchini Quantity 5 | 13. Any Other Vine Crop Specify |
| 7. Winter Squash - Acorn | |

DIVISION 262 | OTHER HORTICULTURE

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

PLATE DISPLAY - Presented on a white plate or white container. A compostable white plate is preferred.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Cactus - Nopales** | Quantity 3
2. **Prickly Pears - Indian Figs (Tuna)** | Quantity 5
3. **Sugar Cane** | Quantity 3-5 Canes
4. **Any Other**

AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | HORTICULTURE | DIVISIONS 251 - 262

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

FIRST PLACE	\$5 & RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	\$3 & RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	RIBBON
HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON

SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST OF DIVISION	\$10 & ROSETTE
MOST CREATIVE ENTRY (PRODUCE ART)	\$10 & ROSETTE
BEST OF SHOW	\$20 & ROSETTE
