

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Farm and Garden Competition and Entry Requirements

Entry Fee

- \$5 per item

Age Groups

- Open: 19 years of age and older
- Youth: 8-18 years of age

Schedule

Location - Drop-off and pick-up will be located in the Creative Arts Building

Event	Date and Time
Paper entry form and fee deadline	Wednesday, July 22, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.
Online Only entry deadline	Monday, August 10, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.
Drop-off	Friday, August 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Judging	Friday, August 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Judging Results	The judging results will be posted online on Monday, August 31st, at 5:00 p.m. The results will not be posted before this time and date.
Pick-up	Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry & Fine Arts 2026 Competition and Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

- A. Exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor on the exhibitor's farm, school farm, collective farm, or in the exhibitor's garden during the most recent growing season for their entry type. Misrepresented products will be disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.
- B. Hay entries must indicate whether they have been treated with a preservative.
- C. Hay and alfalfa final placings will be judged on visual appraisal with consideration given to leafiness, color, quality, absence of weeds, insects, and other foreign matter, as well as general appearance.
- D. No sheaves or bundles previously competed at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("State Fair") may be entered. Only sheaves or bundles that have never competed at the State Fair may compete.

Guidelines for Exhibiting

- 1. One entry per class.
- 2. All exhibits will be received in the crops exhibit and preparation area on the northwest side of the Creative Arts Building.
- 3. Exhibitors with their entries should walk through Gate 2 (walk-in only). Please check in with Gate 2 staff to pick up a gate pass (in the exhibitor's name) to enter the fairgrounds. An Unload Drive-In pass will be issued if entries are oversized or in large quantities. Unload passes will only allow the vehicle to drop off on the grounds, through Gate 1, for 30 minutes, and be in the exhibitor's name at Gate 2.
- 4. All entries must be ready for display on a plain, white, disposable paper plate unless otherwise noted or too large for a 12" plate.

5. Entries must be ready for judging when brought to the receiving table during the set receiving timeframe.
6. Non-placing, edible entries will be donated to the local soup kitchen after judging.

Farm & Garden Divisions And Classes

Vegetable Division 0300

Specify each vegetable type on the entry form under 'Description,' i.e., Pepper, Hot long - Anaheim.

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0001-0035

- 0001. Beans, Bush, or Pole (5 pods, 1" of stem attached) *specify the type*
- 0002. Beans, Shelling (1-quart jar) *specify the type*
- 0003. Beets, Red (3, greens attached) *specify the type*
- 0004. Beets, any other (3, greens attached) *specify the type*
- 0005. Broccoli (3 heads), *specify the type*
- 0006. Cabbage, Green (1 head) (*ex.*, Danish or Hollander) *specify the type*
- 0007. Cabbage, Red (1 head) *specify the type*
- 0008. Carrots, Orange (3, green tops attached) *specify the type*
- 0009. Carrots, any other (3, green tops attached) *specify the type*
- 0010. Cauliflower (1 head), *specify the type*
- 0011. Chard (6 stalks with leaves in a glass of water), *specify the type*
- 0012. Corn, Sweet (3 ears, husked) *specify the type*
- 0013. Cucumbers, Pickling (5) *specify the type*

- 0014. Cucumbers, Slicing (3) *specify the type*
- 0015. Eggplant (3 with calyx and ½ inch stem attached), *specify the type*
- 0016. Kale (6 leaves) *specify the type*
- 0017. Kohlrabi (3 with greens attached, root trimmed ½ inch below the ball) *specify the type*
- 0018. Lettuce, Headed (1 head) *specify the type*
- 0019. Lettuce, Leaf (10 leaves) *specify the type*
- 0020. Okra (6 pods with the stem attached) *specify the type*
- 0021. Peas, Snap (6 pods) *specify the type*
- 0022. Pepper, Bell (3) *specify the type*
- 0023. Pepper, Other sweet (3) *specify the type*
- 0024. Pepper, Hot small (3) *specify the type*
- 0025. Pepper, Hot long (3) *specify the type*
- 0026. Pepper, Extra Hot, any size (3) *specify the type*
- 0027. Potatoes, Tubers (fingerling, 6) *specify the type*
- 0028. Potatoes, Russet (3) *specify the type*
- 0029. Potatoes, Red (3) *specify the type*
- 0030. Potatoes, any other variety (3) *specify the type*
- 0031. Rhubarb (3 stalks, pulled, not cut, with leaves attached)
- 0032. Rutabaga/Turnip (3 with leaves attached) *specify the type*
- 0033. Sweet Potato/Yam (3) *specify the type*
- 0034. Spinach (6 leaves) *specify the type*
- 0035. Any not otherwise listed (3) *specify the type*

Tomatoes Division 0301

Small Tomatoes - 5 each, Large - 3 each

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10

- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0050-0058

- 0050. Cherry tomatoes, red, *specify the type*
- 0051. Cherry tomatoes, other colors, *specify the type*
- 0052. Pear tomatoes, red, *specify the type*
- 0053. Pear tomatoes, other colors, *specify the type*
- 0054. Slicing tomatoes, red, *specify the type*
- 0055. Slicing tomatoes, other colors, *specify the type*
- 0056. Tomatoes, green, *specify the type*
- 0057. Tomatoes, Roma, *specify the type*
- 0058. Any other not otherwise listed, *specify the type*

Onions and Garlic Division 0302

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0070-0076

- 0070. Elephant garlic (3), *specify the type*
- 0071. Garlic, any other (3), *specify the type*
- 0072. Green Onions (6 with tops of the stems trimmed), *specify the type*
- 0073. White Onions (3), *specify the type*
- 0074. Yellow Onions (3), *specify the type*
- 0075. Red Onions (3), *specify the type*

- 0076. Any other not otherwise listed (3), *specify the type*

Squash, Pumpkins, Gourds Division 0303

3 each unless otherwise listed

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0080-0094

Summer Varieties

- 0080. White/Yellow scallop, *specify the type*
- 0081. Yellow crookneck or straight neck, *specify the type*
- 0082. Zucchini, *specify the type*
- 0083. Zucchini- yellow, *specify the type*

Winter Varieties

- 0084. Acorn, *specify the type*
- 0085. Buttercup, *specify the type*
- 0086. Butternut (1), *specify the type*
- 0087. Decorative pumpkin (1), *specify the type*
- 0088. Jack-O'-Lantern pumpkin (1), *specify the type*
- 0089. Pie pumpkin (1), *specify the type*
- 0090. Mini pumpkin, *specify the type*
- 0091. Spaghetti squash (3), *specify the type*
- 0092. Decorative gourd, Large (1), *specify the type*

- 0093. Decorative gourd, Small, *specify the type*
- 0094. Any other not otherwise listed (3), *specify the type*

Fruit Division 0304

Note quantities required

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0100-0120

- 0100. Apples, red (3), *specify the type*
- 0101. Apples, green/yellow (3), *specify the type*
- 0102. Apples, any other (3), *specify the type*
- 0103. Blackberries (1 pint in a mason jar), *specify the type*
- 0104. Blueberries (1 pint in a mason jar), *specify the type*
- 0105. Cherries (1 pint, stems attached), *specify the type*
- 0106. Grapes, table varieties (1 pint on the stem), *specify the type*
- 0107. Grapes, wine varieties (1 pint on the stem), *specify the type*
- 0108. Melon, bitter (3), *specify the type*
- 0109. Melon, cantaloupe (1), *specify the type*
- 0110. Melon, honeydew, or honey ball (1), *specify the type*
- 0111. Melon, muskmelon (1), *specify the type*
- 0112. Melon, watermelon (1), *specify the type*
- 0113. Peaches, clingstone (3), *specify the type*
- 0114. Peaches, freestone (3), *specify the type*
- 0115. Pears, Asian (3), *specify the type*

- 0116. Pears, any other variety (3), *specify the type*
- 0117. Plums, any variety (5), *specify the type*
- 0118. Raspberries (1 pint in a mason jar with calyx attached), *specify the type*
- 0119. Strawberries, any variety (1 pint with calyx attached), *specify the type*
- 0120. Any other not otherwise listed, *specify the type*

Cut Herb Display Division 0305

Bring herbs in a 16-oz (pint) sized mason jar. The jar must be clear and free of labels or writing. 10 stems per entry. Cut herbs are judged on quality, aesthetics, health, and aroma. Points are deducted for foliage below the water level.

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
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Classes 0130-0145

- 0130. Basil, *specify the type*
- 0131. Chamomile, *specify the type*
- 0132. Chives *specify the type*
- 0133. Cilantro, *specify the type*
- 0134. Dill (foliage and green seed head), *specify the type*
- 0135. Hyssop, *specify the type*
- 0136. Fennel (fronds only - no bulb), *specify the type*
- 0137. Lavender (foliage and bloom), *specify the type*
- 0138. Lemon balm, *specify the type*
- 0139. Mint, *specify the type*
- 0140. Oregano/Marjoram, *specify the type*

- 0141. Parsley, *specify the type*
- 0142. Rosemary, *specify the type*
- 0143. Sage, *specify the type*
- 0144. Thyme, *specify the type*
- 0145. Any other not otherwise listed, *specify the type*

Field Crops Division 0306

Grains in a 1-peck container; sheaves approximately 18 inches tall, tied tightly, about 3 inches in diameter. After judging, loose grains will be displayed in 1-quart mason jars provided by the Colorado State Fair Authority (“Authority”).

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0150-0239

Barley

- 0150. Barley, Winter, for feed, 1 peck, *specify the type*
- 0151. Barley, Winter for malting, 1 peck, *specify the type*
- 0152. Barley, Spring, for feed, 1 peck, *specify the type*
- 0153. Barley, Spring for malting, 1 peck, *specify the type*
- 0154. Barley, Winter for feed, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0155. Barley, Winter for malting, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0156. Barley, Spring for feed, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0157. Barley, Spring for malting, sheaf, *specify the type*

Corn

- 0160. Corn for grain bundle maturing 99 or fewer days, (6 stalks, stalks trimmed just below brace root) *specify the type*
- 0161. Corn for grain bundle maturing 100-104 days, (6 stalks, stalks trimmed just below brace root) *specify the type*
- 0162. Corn for grain bundle maturing 105-109 days, (6 stalks, stalks trimmed just below brace root) *specify the type*
- 0163. Corn for grain bundle maturing 110 or more days, (6 stalks, stalks trimmed just below brace root) *specify the type*
- 0164. Corn for silage bundle (6 stalks, stalks trimmed just below brace root) *specify the type*
- 0165. Corn for grain ear (10 ears) *specify the type*
- 0166. Corn for silage ear (10 ears) *specify the type*
- 0167. Corn, Popcorn, bundle (6 stalks, stalks trimmed just below brace root) *specify the type*
- 0168. Corn, Popcorn, ear (10 ears), *specify the type*
- 0169. Corn for grain, shelled (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0170. Corn for silage, shelled (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0171. Corn, popcorn, shelled (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0172. Corn (1 peck run from combine), *specify the type*

Grass

- 0180. Sudan, seed (1 quart jar), *specify the type*
- 0181. Grass seed for hay (1 quart jar), *specify the type*
- 0182. Cultivated grass seed (1 quart jar), *specify the type*
- 0183. Range grass seed (1 quart jar), *specify the type*
- 0184. Grass, sheaf, *specify the type*

Hemp

- 0190. Hemp (bundle of 6 stalks with leaves), *specify the type*

Hops

- 0191. Hops (12-18" of the vine with hops attached) *specify the type*

Oats

- 0192. Oats sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0193. Oats (1 peck), *specify the type*

Sorghum

- 0200. Sorghum, Red (10 heads), *specify the type*
- 0201. Sorghum, White (10 heads), *specify the type*
- 0202. Sorghum, Forage (10 heads), *specify the type*
- 0203. Sorghum, Red (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0204. Sorghum, White (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0205. Sorghum, Forage (1 peck), *specify the type*

Sugar Beets

- 0206. Sugar Beets (6 with 2" tops remaining), *specify the type*

Sunflower

- 0210. Sunflower, Confectionery (3 heads), *specify the type*
- 0211. Sunflower, for Oil (3 heads), *specify the type*
- 0212. Sunflower, for Seed (3 heads), *specify the type*

Rye and Millet

- 0220. Rye, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0221. Rye, 1 quart jar, *specify the type*
- 0222. Millet, Red Proso (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0223. Millet, White Proso (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0224. Millet, Foxtail (1 peck), *specify the type*

- 0225. Any other not otherwise listed (1 peck), *specify the type*

Wheat

- 0230. Wheat, Hard Red Winter, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0231. Wheat, Hard Red Winter, (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0232. Wheat, Hard White Winter, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0233. Wheat, Hard White Winter, (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0234. Wheat, Hard Red Spring, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0235. Wheat, Hard Red Spring, (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0236. Wheat, Hard White Spring, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0237. Wheat, Hard White Spring, (1 peck), *specify the type*
- 0238. Wheat, any other not otherwise listed, sheaf, *specify the type*
- 0239. Wheat, any other not otherwise listed, (1 peck), *specify the type*

Baled Hay Division 0307

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Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0250-0251

- 0250. Alfalfa
- 0251. Grass

Heirloom Division 0308

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0252-0258

- 0252. Cherry tomatoes, any color, *specify the type*
- 0253. Pear tomatoes, any color, *specify the type*
- 0254. Slicing tomatoes, any color, *specify the type*
- 0255. Corn, Sweet (3 ears, husked) *specify the type*
- 0256. Corn, Popcorn (3 ears, husked) *specify the type*
- 0257. Corn, for Flour or Meal (3 ears, husked) *specify the type*
- 0258. Heirloom, any other not otherwise listed, (3 each), *specify the type*

Biggest Fruit or Vegetable Division 0309

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group.

Classes 0260-0279

- 0260. Bean - longest
- 0261. Beet, non-sugar - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0262. Beet, sugar- largest by weight, *specify the type*

- 0263. Cabbage - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0264. Chile - longest, *specify the type*
- 0265. Corn - tallest stalk (stalks must be trimmed just below brace root), *specify the type*
- 0266. Ear of Corn - longest, *specify the type*
- 0267. Garlic - largest head by weight, *specify the type*
- 0268. Onion - largest by weight (any color), *specify the type*
- 0269. Potato - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0270. Pumpkin - largest by weight, Jack-O'-Lantern Type, *specify the type*
- 0271. Pumpkin - largest by weight, Big Max type, *specify the type*
- 0272. Sorghum, head only - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0273. Sunflower, head only - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0274. Sunflower - tallest stalk, *specify the type*
- 0275. Tomato - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0276. Watermelon - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0277. Winter Squash - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0278. Zucchini - largest by weight, *specify the type*
- 0279. Any other (largest or tallest - specify), *specify the type*

Nature's Oddities Division 0310

Any natural produce showing an odd shape or any other quality that makes it an oddity.

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0290-0294

- 0290. Most Misshapen Vegetable, *specify the type*
- 0291. Most Misshapen Fruit, *specify the type*
- 0292. Oddest Fruit, *specify the type*
- 0293. Oddest Vegetable, *specify the type*
- 0294. Any other not otherwise listed, *specify the type*

Scarecrow Division 0311

Limit 1 per class. Entries may be set up on August 28, 2026, between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. All entries must be in place by 11:00 a.m. A Scarecrow should be the same height as an average person.

Exhibits must fit into a 4'x4' space. Excessive props may distract from the scarecrow, and points may be deducted accordingly. Entries must contain some hay or straw and must stand or sit on their own - no leaning against the wall.

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0295-0296

0295. Scarecrow - Any theme

0296. Scarecrow - 2026 Fair Theme "Fairitage"

Fruit or Vegetable Creation Division 0312

Your creation with any fruit or vegetable (does not have to be grown by the exhibitor). Must be no larger than 2 feet in any direction

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0297-0299

- 0297. Fair Animal
- 0298. Fair Activity - carnival ride, etc...
- 0299. 2026 Fair Theme: "Fairitage"

Community or School Garden Division 0313

Limit 2 entries per garden (must be different exhibitors). Community or school gardens can show a selection of produce from their gardens. Exhibits must include at least 8 different types of vegetables or fruit grown in a community garden in a basket or container suitable for display. Specify the name of the community or school garden when filling out the entry form.

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0310

- 0310. Seasonal Bounty

FFA or 4-H – Group Display Division 0314

Limit 2 entries per group (there must be different exhibitors in each group and on the entry form). FFA and 4-H groups can create a display using a selection of produce from their gardens. Each group will be given a 4 ' x4' area to display at least 10 different types of vegetables or fruits grown by the group. Specify the name of the group/chapter when filling out the entry form.

Premiums

- 1st - \$40
- 2nd - \$30
- 3rd - \$20
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each age group

Classes 0311-0312

- 0311. FFA Display
- 0312. 4-H Display