

INTER-STATE FAIR & RODEO

2026 INSIDE EXHIBITS PREMIUM BOOK

The Inside Exhibits Department of the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo celebrates the creativity, craftsmanship, knowledge, and talents of exhibitors of all ages. Whether your exhibit showcases agriculture, culinary arts, photography, fine arts, textiles, gardening, STEM, or another creative pursuit, we encourage everyone to participate and share their talents with our community.

This premium book contains the official rules, age divisions, classes, judging criteria, and auction information for all Inside Exhibits.

We wish every exhibitor the best of luck and thank you for helping make the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo a tradition worth celebrating.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility

The Inside Exhibits Department is open to exhibitors of all ages unless otherwise specified within an individual category.

Exhibitors must reside in one of the following counties:

Kansas: Neosho, Montgomery, Labette, or Chautauqua

Oklahoma: Craig, Nowata, Rogers, or Washington

Age Divisions

Exhibitors shall enter according to their age as of January 1 of the current year.

Age divisions vary by category. Please refer to each category for the applicable age groups.

Judging System

Unless otherwise stated, exhibits will be judged using the Danish System. Purple, Blue, and Red ribbons and special awards may be presented based on the quality and merit of the exhibits. All ribbons, awards, and special recognitions are presented at the discretion of the judge and the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee.

Champion Selection

Unless otherwise stated within an individual category, the judge will select one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion from all Purple Ribbon exhibits within each age division of that category, regardless of class.

Example – Arts & Crafts (Junior Division)

Purple ribbon exhibits in the following classes:

- Fine Arts
- Mixed Media, Sculpture, Ceramics & Pottery
- Jewelry & Wearable Art
- Holiday & Seasonal Crafts
- Open Arts & Crafts Project

will compete for:

Grand Champion – Junior Arts & Crafts

Reserve Grand Champion – Junior Arts & Crafts

GENERAL RULES

The following rules apply to all Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibit categories unless otherwise stated.

1. All exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor.
2. Exhibits must have been completed within the previous twelve (12) months.
3. Exhibits must be suitable for public display.
4. Judges' decisions are final.
5. The Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee reserves the right to combine, divide, or eliminate classes based on participation.
6. Exhibits must remain on display until the official release time designated by the Fair Board.
7. The Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee (nor the Montgomery County Fair Board) assumes no responsibility for loss of or damage to exhibits.
8. Purple, Blue, and Red ribbons and special awards may be awarded at the discretion of the judge and Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee.

Category 1 – Arts & Crafts

Age Divisions

- **Peewee:** Ages 3–6
- **Junior:** Ages 7–9
- **Intermediate:** Ages 10–13
- **Senior:** Ages 14–18
- **Adult:** Ages 19 and Up
- **Lives with Assistance:** Open to individuals who reside in an assisted living facility, nursing home, or who receive regular assistance from a caregiver due to age, disability, or other support needs.

Rules

1. Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor and completed within the past twelve (12) months.
2. Three-dimensional (3-D) printed projects are NOT permitted in this category and must be entered in the STEM category (Category 9, Class 903).
3. Each exhibitor may enter up to four (4) exhibits within the Arts & Crafts category in their designated age division.
4. Exhibits must be clean, complete, and ready for display.
5. Two-dimensional artwork intended for hanging must include a secure hanging method.
6. Three-dimensional exhibits must be sturdy enough for safe display.
7. Commercial kits are permitted; however, originality, creativity, and workmanship will be considered during judging.
8. Exhibits will be judged on:
 - Overall craftsmanship
 - Creativity and originality
 - Design and composition
 - Difficulty and skill level
 - Overall appearance and presentation

Classes

101 - Fine Arts

Drawing, painting, watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, charcoal, colored pencil, ink, printmaking, and other two-dimensional artwork.

102 - Mixed Media, Sculpture, Ceramics & Pottery

Mixed media, clay, pottery, sculpture, mosaics, wood, metal, glass, resin, and other three-dimensional artwork.

103 - Jewelry & Wearable Art

Handcrafted jewelry, accessories, wearable art, leatherwork, beading, metalwork, and similar projects.

104 - Holiday & Seasonal Crafts

Decorative items celebrating holidays or seasonal themes.

105 - Open Arts & Crafts Project

Any arts or crafts exhibit not appropriately classified in the above classes.

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row** and the **Champion's Row Silent Auction**. Exhibitors must indicate participation in the auction at the time of entry. If a qualifying exhibitor declines to participate, the judge will select the next highest-placing Purple Ribbon exhibit from that class. Subject to change.

Category 2 – Clothing & Textiles

Age Divisions

- **Youth:** Ages 11 and younger
- **Teen:** Ages 12–18
- **Adult:** Ages 19 and Up
- **Lives with Assistance:** Open to individuals who reside in an assisted living facility, nursing home, or who receive regular assistance from a caregiver due to age, disability, or other support needs.

Rules

1. Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor and completed within the past twelve (12) months.
2. Each exhibitor may enter up to four (4) exhibits within the Clothing & Textiles category. Multiple entries may be entered in the same class.
3. Garments and textile items must be clean, complete, and ready for display.
4. Garments should be displayed on an appropriate hanger whenever possible.
5. Quilts and larger textile items should be folded or displayed in a manner that allows judging while protecting the exhibit.
6. Exhibits will be judged on:
 - Workmanship
 - Construction techniques
 - Design and creativity
 - Difficulty and skill level
 - Overall appearance and presentation

Classes

201 – Wearable Apparel (*Youth, Teen, and Adult Divisions*)

Garments or wearable items created by the exhibitor, including dresses, shirts, pants, skirts, jackets, costumes, aprons, children's clothing, accessories, and other sewn apparel.

202 – Quilting (*Youth, Teen, and Adult Divisions*)

Hand- or machine-quilted quilts, quilted wall hangings, table runners, placemats, quilted home décor, and other quilted projects.

203 – Fiber & Needle Arts (*Youth, Teen, and Adult Divisions*)

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Crochet
- Knitting
- Embroidery
- Cross Stitch
- Needlepoint
- Hand Stitching
- Appliqué
- Weaving
- Macramé
- Tatting
- Spinning
- Punch Needle
- Rug Hooking
- Other fiber or needle art projects
- Other machine-sewn items, such as table runners, pillows, bags, and similar projects

204 – All Needle Arts (Lives with Assistance Division Only)

Includes all exhibit types listed in Classes 201–203.

Awards

The judge will select the following champions:

Youth Division

- Grand Champion Wearable Apparel
- Reserve Grand Champion Wearable Apparel
- Grand Champion Quilting
- Reserve Grand Champion Quilting
- Grand Champion Fiber & Needle Arts
- Reserve Grand Champion Fiber & Needle Arts

Teen Division

- Grand Champion Wearable Apparel
- Reserve Grand Champion Wearable Apparel
- Grand Champion Quilting
- Reserve Grand Champion Quilting
- Grand Champion Fiber & Needle Arts
- Reserve Grand Champion Fiber & Needle Arts

Adult Division

- Grand Champion Wearable Apparel
- Reserve Grand Champion Wearable Apparel
- Grand Champion Quilting
- Reserve Grand Champion Quilting
- Grand Champion Fiber & Needle Arts
- Reserve Grand Champion Fiber & Needle Arts

Lives with Assistance Division

- Grand Champion Needle Arts
- Reserve Grand Champion Needle Arts

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row** and the **Champion's Row Silent Auction**. Exhibitors must indicate participation in the auction at the time of entry. If a qualifying exhibitor declines to participate, the judge will select the next highest-placing Purple Ribbon exhibit from that class. Subject to change.

Category 3 – Banners

Banners provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to creatively promote agriculture, community, school spirit, patriotism, holidays, the county fair, or other positive themes.

Rules

1. Banners may be entered by an individual or a group.
2. A banner may be entered only once and in one class.
3. Eligible exhibitors include, but are not limited to:
 - Individuals
 - Families
 - Classrooms
 - Schools
 - 4-H Clubs
 - FFA Chapters
 - Scout Troops
 - Church Groups
 - Civic Organizations
 - Businesses
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Any other community organization or group
4. Banners may be constructed from fabric, paper, wood, vinyl, or mixed media.
5. Banners must be equipped with a secure method for hanging.
6. Maximum banner size shall be **3 feet by 5 feet**.
7. Three-dimensional embellishments are permitted but must not extend more than **3 inches** from the surface of the banner.
8. The exhibitor's or group's name must be securely attached to the back of the banner.
9. Banners will be judged on:
 - Creativity and originality
 - Overall appearance
 - Workmanship
 - Visual impact
 - Interpretation of theme (when applicable)

Classes

301 – General Banner

Open to any individual or group. The banner theme is the exhibitor's choice.

302 – Fair Theme Banner

Open to any individual or group. The banner should incorporate the current year's fair theme:
America's 250th Birthday.

Awards

The judge may select one **Best Banner** from each class. Additional recognition may be awarded at the discretion of the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee.

Category 4 – Culinary: Food Preparation

Rules

1. All food exhibits must be prepared by the exhibitor.
2. **Each exhibitor may enter up to four (4) exhibits within their designated age division.**
3. Multiple entries may be entered in the same class. Except in the decorated foods class, each exhibitor may only exhibit 1 item.
4. All entries must be presented on disposable plates, trays, or containers. Containers will not be judged.
5. A complete recipe must accompany each exhibit and be securely attached to the entry tag or placed in a clear plastic sleeve.
6. Exhibits requiring refrigeration after preparation are not eligible unless specifically approved by the superintendent.
7. Exhibits must be prepared using safe food handling practices.
8. The judge may cut, break apart, or sample exhibits during judging. Decorated Food Items will be judged on appearance only and will not be sampled.
9. Exhibits will be judged on:
 - Overall appearance
 - Flavor
 - Texture
 - Uniformity
 - Proper baking technique
 - Creativity (when appropriate)
10. Exhibits become the property of the Fair following judging unless selected for sale or otherwise designated by the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee

Age Divisions and Classes

Peewee: Ages 3-6

- 401- 5 baked or no-baked cookies or 5 Bars (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 402- 1 Iced or uniced Cake or 6 Cupcakes (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 403- 5 Muffins (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)

Junior: Ages 7-9

- 404- 5 Cookies or 5 Bars (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)

- 405- 1 Iced or uniced Cake or 6 Cupcakes (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 406- 5 Muffins (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 407- Quick Breads (loaf or 6 rolls for judging. If you make the sale please provide 8 rolls)

Intermediate: Ages 10-13

- 408- 5 Cookies or 5 Bars (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 409- 1 Iced or uniced Cake or 6 Cupcakes (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 410- Quick Breads (loaf or 6 rolls for judging. If you make the sale please provide 8 rolls)
- 411- 5 Muffins (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 412- One unfrosted angel food or chiffon cake
- 413 – Specialty Bread Item

Exhibit one (1) specialty bread item.

- Examples include, but are not limited to:

- One (1) loaf of yeast bread, Sourdough loaf, Fruit bread, Tea ring, Pretzels (2 required for judging), Bread sticks (3 required for judging), Dinner rolls (4 required for judging), Other specialty yeast breads

- **Auction Requirements:**

If your exhibit is selected for auction and consists of smaller individual items, please provide the following quantities:

Rolls 8, Bread Sticks 6, Pretzels 4

The judge will evaluate only the quantity required for judging. Additional items are required only if the exhibit is selected for auction.

- 414 – Decorated Food Item (1 per exhibitor)

2026 Theme: *America's 250th Celebration at the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo*

The exhibit must fit this year's theme.

One (1) decorated cake, twelve (12) cake pops, twelve (12) cupcakes, or twelve (12) decorated cookies.

Creative displays and decorations that enhance the theme are encouraged. Display props may be used; however, the entire exhibit, including the display, may not exceed **2 feet x 2 feet**.

Decorated Food Items will be judged on creativity, design, workmanship, overall appearance, and interpretation of the theme. Decorated Food Items will **not** be sampled during judging.

Decorated Food Items selected for the Live Premium Food Auction or Food Silent Auction are exempt from the standard auction entry limits and may qualify regardless of the number of other auction entries earned by the exhibitor.

Please note: Decorated Food Items will be displayed at room temperature and **will not be refrigerated** during the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to use decorations and ingredients that can safely remain unrefrigerated for the duration of the exhibit.

The Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the auction that is deemed unsuitable for sale or display.

Seniors: Ages 14-18 (must be present for judging)

- 415- 5 Cookies or 5 Bars (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 416- 1 Iced or uniced Cake or 6 Cupcakes (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 417- Quick Breads (loaf or 6 rolls for judging. If you make the sale please provide 8 rolls)
- 418- 5 Muffins (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 419- One unfrosted angel food or chiffon cake
- 420 – Specialty Bread Item

Exhibit one (1) specialty bread item.

- Examples include, but are not limited to:

- One (1) loaf of yeast bread, Sourdough loaf, Fruit bread, Tea ring, Pretzels (2 required for judging), Bread sticks (3 required for judging), Dinner rolls (4 required for judging), Other specialty yeast breads

- **Auction Requirements:**

If your exhibit is selected for auction and consists of smaller individual items, please provide the following quantities:

Rolls 8, Bread Sticks 6, Pretzels 4

The judge will evaluate only the quantity required for judging. Additional items are required only if the exhibit is selected for auction.

- 421- Two Crust Fruit Pie
- 422- Decorated Food Item (1 per exhibitor)

2026 Theme: America's 250th Celebration at the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo

The exhibit must fit this year's theme.

One (1) decorated cake, twelve (12) cake pops, twelve (12) cupcakes, or twelve (12) decorated cookies.

Creative displays and decorations that enhance the theme are encouraged. Display props may be used; however, the entire exhibit, including the display, may not exceed **2 feet × 2 feet**.

Decorated Food Items will be judged on creativity, design, workmanship, overall appearance, and interpretation of the theme. Decorated Food Items will **not** be sampled during judging.

Decorated Food Items selected for the Live Premium Food Auction or Food Silent Auction are exempt from the standard auction entry limits and may qualify regardless of the number of other auction entries earned by the exhibitor.

Please note: Decorated Food Items will be displayed at room temperature and **will not be refrigerated** during the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to use decorations and ingredients that can safely remain unrefrigerated for the duration of the exhibit.

The Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the auction that is deemed unsuitable for sale or display.

Adult Ages 19 & up

- 423- 5 Cookies or 5 Bars (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 424- 1 Iced or uniced Cake or 6 Cupcakes (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 425- Quick Breads (loaf or 6 rolls for judging. If you make the sale please provide 8 rolls)
- 426- 5 Muffins (if you make the sale, please provide a total of 12)
- 427- One unfrosted angel food or chiffon cake
- 428 – Specialty Bread Item

Exhibit one (1) specialty bread item.

- Examples include, but are not limited to:

- One (1) loaf of yeast bread, Sourdough loaf, Fruit bread, Tea ring, Pretzels (2 required for judging), Bread sticks (3 required for judging), Dinner rolls (4 required for judging), Other specialty yeast breads

- **Auction Requirements:**

If your exhibit is selected for auction and consists of smaller individual items, please provide the following quantities:

Rolls 8, Bread Sticks 6, Pretzels 4

The judge will evaluate only the quantity required for judging. Additional items are required only if the exhibit is selected for auction.

- 429- Two Crust Fruit Pie
- 430- Decorated Food Item (1 per exhibitor)

2026 Theme: *America's 250th Celebration at the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo*

The exhibit must fit this year's theme.

One (1) decorated cake, twelve (12) cake pops, twelve (12) cupcakes, or twelve (12) decorated cookies.

Creative displays and decorations that enhance the theme are encouraged. Display props may be used; however, the entire exhibit, including the display, may not exceed **2 feet × 2 feet**.

Decorated Food Items will be judged on creativity, design, workmanship, overall appearance, and interpretation of the theme. Decorated Food Items will **not** be sampled during judging.

Decorated Food Items selected for the Live Premium Food Auction or Food Silent Auction are exempt from the standard auction entry limits and may qualify regardless of the number of other auction entries earned by the exhibitor.

Please note: Decorated Food Items will be displayed at room temperature and **will not be refrigerated** during the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to use decorations and ingredients that can safely remain unrefrigerated for the duration of the exhibit.

The Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the auction that is deemed unsuitable for sale or display.

Lives with Assistance

- 431- Culinary Exhibit (All Food Preparation)

Please note the total items required per entry type, for judging and auction. Reference the numbers provided above listed in the Adult division.

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division. The Decorated Food class is an exception and will be judged separately, with its own Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards, per age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits in the Food Preparation category will be displayed on Champion's Row and sold in the Live Auction.

All Purple Ribbon exhibits are also eligible for the Live Auction. See the full Live Auction Rules (pg. 32) for youth and adults at the end of the Fair Book for complete eligibility and selection information.

Category 5 – Agronomy

Exhibitors shall enter according to their age as of January 1 of the current year.

- Youth: Ages 18 and younger
- Adult: Ages 19 and Up

Rules

1. Exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor or with the exhibitor's active participation.
2. Youth exhibitors may enter one (1) exhibit per class. Adult exhibitors may enter up to four (4) exhibits within the Agronomy category.
3. Crop exhibits should be from the most recent harvest and be as mature, clean, and representative of the crop as possible.
4. The variety and/or hybrid must be listed on the fair entry form and exhibit label for all applicable classes. Failure to identify the variety or hybrid will result in the exhibit being lowered one ribbon placing.
5. Gallon sample classes may be displayed using a 2½–3-inch diameter cylinder placed inside a clear one-gallon container to reduce the grain sample to approximately three quarts.
6. Hay exhibits should measure approximately 15" × 12" × 6", be tied with twine in a "T" pattern, and be clean and representative of the crop.
7. Agronomy exhibits will be judged on:
 - Quality and maturity
 - Uniformity
 - Freedom from damage
 - Proper preparation and presentation

Classes

501 – Corn & Grain Crops

Ten (10) ears of corn or one (1) gallon grain sample. Includes corn, wheat, oats, barley, grain sorghum, soybeans, edible beans, or other grain crops. Variety or hybrid must be identified.

502 – Forage, Grass Seed & Hay

One (1) gallon grass seed or forage crop sample, or one hay sample. Includes brome, tame grass seed, forage crops, alfalfa hay, native grass hay, cool-season grass hay, or other hay/forage exhibits. Variety or type must be identified.

503 – Sunflowers & Specialty Crops

Confectionery or oilseed sunflower heads or seed samples, cotton, or other miscellaneous crop exhibits. Variety or hybrid must be identified.

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row**. At this time there is no eligibility for one of the auctions, however an opportunity for special prizes.

Category 6 – Culinary: Food Preservation

Age Divisions

Exhibitors shall enter according to their age as of January 1 of the current year.

- Teen: Ages 18 and younger
- Adult: Ages 19 and Up

Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter up to four (4) exhibits within the Food Preservation category.
2. All preserved food exhibits must have been preserved in the last 12 months.
3. Entries must be prepared using current, research-tested recipes and preservation methods. Untested recipes or unsafe preservation methods will be disqualified.
4. Acceptable recipe sources include:
 - K-State Research & Extension Food Preservation Publications
 - University Extension Food Preservation Publications
 - USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning
 - National Center for Home Food Preservation
 - So Easy to Preserve (University of Georgia)
 - Ball® Blue Book Guide to Preserving
 - Ball® Complete Book of Home Preserving
 - Current Ball®, Kerr®, Sure-Jell®, Mrs. Wages®, and other tested canning mix or pectin manufacturer recipes
 - KSRE Rapid Response Center Recipes
5. Recipes must be adjusted for the altitude where the product was processed.
6. The following preservation methods are **not permitted**:
 - Open kettle canning
 - Oven canning
 - Sun canning
 - Electric multi-cookers (except the Presto Precise® Digital Pressure Canner when used according to approved water bath or pressure canning instructions)
7. Alcohol may not be used as an ingredient in preserved food exhibits.
8. White peaches and elderberries may not be exhibited due to the lack of approved home canning recommendations.
9. Each exhibit must include a complete recipe securely attached to the entry. The recipe must include:
 - Exhibitor's name
 - Recipe source
 - Publication date
 - Processing altitude

- Date purchased for any commercial canning mixes, if applicable
- 10. Exhibits must be displayed in clean, clear, standard canning jars with matching two-piece lids and rings of the same manufacturer. Decorative jars, colored jars, padded lids, fabric covers, and decorative wraps are not permitted.
- 11. Jars must be properly sealed. Jar sizes must not exceed the size recommended in the approved recipe.
- 12. Each jar must be labeled with:
 - Class Number
 - Product Name
 - Processing Altitude
 - Canning Method
 - Processing Time
 - Pressure (if pressure canned)
 - Month and Year Processed
 - Exhibitor Name
 - County
- 13. Attach the recipe and entry tag to the top of the jar using a rubber band.
- 14. Dried foods should be displayed in a standard canning jar whenever possible. Entries not displayed in a canning jar will be lowered one ribbon placing. Freeze-dried foods are not eligible.
- 15. All meat jerky must be heated to an internal temperature of **160°F** before or after drying. Jerky not meeting this requirement will be disqualified.

Classes

601 – Sweet Spreads

Fruit or vegetable jams, jellies, preserves, marmalades or butters. Nothing dairy based or honey.
Exhibit: One clear jar.

602 – Fruits, Juices & Fruit Mixtures

Whole fruits, fruit juices, pie fillings, fruit sauces, and similar products.
Exhibit: One clear jar.

603 – Low-Acid Vegetables

Green beans, corn, carrots, mixed vegetables, and other pressure-canned vegetables.
Exhibit: One clear jar.

604 – Pickles, Relishes & Fermented Foods

Fruit or vegetable pickles, relishes, chutneys, sauerkraut, and other fermented foods.
Exhibit: One clear jar.

605 – Tomato Products

Tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato sauce, salsa, and other tomato products.

Exhibit: One clear jar. Salsa must be exhibited in pint jars only.

607 – Dried Foods

Dried fruits, vegetables, herbs, fruit leather, and jerky.

Exhibit: One small canning jar, a sealed bag with ziploc or a sealed- resealable bag

608 – Honey

Exhibit: One clear jar of extracted liquid honey

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row**, the **Champion's Row Silent Auction**. Exhibitors must indicate participation in the auction at the time of entry. If a qualifying exhibitor declines to participate, the judge will select the next highest-placing Purple Ribbon exhibit from that class. Subject to change.

The Inter-State Fair & Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the auction that is deemed unsuitable for sale or display.

Category 7 – Gardening & Floral Design

Age Divisions

Exhibitors shall enter according to their age as of January 1 of the current year.

- Youth: Ages 11 and younger
- Teen: Ages 12–18
- Adult: Ages 19 and Up
- Lives with Assistance: Open to individuals who reside in an assisted living facility, nursing home, or who receive regular assistance from a caregiver due to age, disability, or other support needs.

Rules

1. Exhibits must be grown, cultivated, or arranged by the exhibitor.
2. Each exhibitor may enter up to four (4) exhibits within this category.
3. Exhibits should be clean, fresh, and free of insects, disease, or damage.
4. Exhibits should be properly labeled with the common name of the flower, plant, vegetable, or herb, if known.
5. Containers will not be judged unless they are part of a floral arrangement.
6. Artificial flowers, plants, fruits, vegetables, or herbs are not permitted.
7. Exhibits will be judged on:
 - Quality and freshness
 - Color and appearance
 - Uniformity
 - Condition
 - Overall presentation

Classes

701 – Cut Flowers

Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits in this class.

Exhibit three (3) to five (5) stems of the same flower variety displayed in a clean container with fresh water.

Flowers should be fresh, clean, and free of insect or weather damage.

Examples include annuals, perennials, roses, sunflowers, zinnias, dahlias, lilies, and wildflowers.

702 – Floral Arrangements

Each exhibitor may enter up to one (1) exhibit in this class.

Fresh or dried floral arrangements created by the exhibitor.

Judging will include design, creativity, balance, color harmony, and overall presentation.

Artificial flowers are not permitted.

703 – Potted Plants

Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits in this class.

Indoor or outdoor potted plants, including flowering plants, foliage plants, succulents, cacti, and hanging baskets.

Plants should be healthy, well-groomed, and free of insects or disease.

704 – Vegetable Exhibit

Exhibits should be grown by the exhibitor and be clean, mature, uniform in size, and free of disease or insect damage.

Vegetables may be displayed on any type of plate, tray, or basket. The display container will not be considered during judging.

704A – Small Vegetables

Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits in this class.

Exhibit five (5) specimens of the same variety.

Examples include:

- Green Beans
- Peas
- Radishes
- Okra
- Jalapeños
- Hot Peppers
- Sweet Peppers
- Brussels Sprouts
- Small Onions

704B – Medium Vegetables

Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits in this class.

Exhibit three (3) specimens of the same variety.

Examples include:

- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Carrots
- Potatoes
- Beets
- Turnips
- Eggplant
- Summer Squash
- Zucchini

704C – Large Vegetables

Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits in this class.

Exhibit one (1) specimen of the same variety.

Examples include:

- Pumpkin
- Watermelon
- Cantaloupe
- Winter Squash
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Large Gourds

705 – Fruit Exhibit

Each exhibitor may enter up to three (3) exhibits in this class.

Exhibits should be grown by the exhibitor and be clean, mature, uniform in size, and free of disease or insect damage.

Fruits may be displayed on any type of plate, tray, or basket. The display container will not be considered during judging.

Exhibit three (3) to five (5) specimens of the same variety, ten (10) for small fruits like berries, or one (1) large fruit when appropriate.

Examples include:

- Apples
- Peaches
- Pears
- Plums
- Grapes
- Strawberries
- Blackberries
- Blueberries
- Cherries
- Melons

706 – Herb Exhibit

Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits in this class.

Exhibit three (3) to five (5) stems or one (1) potted herb plant.

Herbs should be fresh, clean, and properly identified when possible.

Both culinary and ornamental herbs are eligible.

707 – Garden Display

Each exhibitor may enter up to one (1) exhibit in this class.

Create a miniature garden or decorative garden display using live plants as the primary feature. Displays may include flowers, succulents, herbs, foliage plants, natural materials, miniature accessories, or other decorative elements.

Rules

1. The display must be designed and assembled by the exhibitor.
2. Live plants must be the primary feature of the exhibit. Dried or artificial plants may be used only as accents.
3. Decorative accessories such as fairy garden items, miniature structures, rocks, wood, pathways, figurines, water features, signs, and similar items are permitted.
4. Displays may be created in any suitable container, including pots, tubs, baskets, wagons, wooden boxes, or other decorative containers.
5. Maximum display size shall not exceed **24 inches wide x 24 inches long x 24 inches high**.
6. Exhibits should be clean, well-maintained, and stable enough for display.

Judging Criteria

- Creativity and originality
- Design and visual appeal
- Plant health and condition
- Craftsmanship
- Overall presentation

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row** and the **Champion's Row Silent Auction**. Exhibitors must indicate participation in the auction at the time of entry. If a qualifying exhibitor declines to participate, the judge will select the next highest-placing Purple Ribbon exhibit from that class. Subject to change.

Category 8 – Photography

Age Divisions

- Youth: Ages 11 and younger
- Teen: Ages 12–18
- Adult: Ages 19 and Up
- Lives with Assistance: Open to individuals who reside in an assisted living facility, nursing home, or who receive regular assistance from a caregiver due to age, disability, or other support needs.

Rules

1. Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor within the past twelve (12) months.
2. Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits per class, with a maximum of six (6) exhibits in the Photography category.
3. Color and black-and-white photographs are permitted unless otherwise specified.
4. Basic editing, including cropping, color correction, brightness, contrast, and sharpening, is permitted. Images that are primarily AI-generated or digitally created are not eligible.
5. Photographs must be mounted according to the Photography Mounting Rules.
6. Photographs will be judged on:
 - Composition
 - Creativity
 - Technical quality
 - Focus and exposure
 - Storytelling or visual impact
 - Overall presentation

Photography Mounting Rules

- Photos must be mounted on a white poster board measuring 11" × 14". Or mounted according to your county's 4-H fair directions.
- Photos may be displayed in either portrait (vertical) or landscape (horizontal) orientation.
- Do not mount photos on an 11" × 14" board in the horizontal direction (11" tall × 14" wide). The board itself must remain 14" tall × 11" wide.
- Each individual photo must be no smaller than 5" × 7" and no larger than 8" × 10".
- Framing, matting, and decorations are not allowed.
- Leave a clean white border around the photo when mounting.

Classes

801 – People & Portraits

Photographs featuring individuals or groups of people.

802 – Nature & Wildlife

Landscapes, sunsets, flowers, trees, wildlife, insects, pets, and outdoor scenes.

803 – Agriculture & Rural Life

Farm life, livestock, crops, ranching, rodeo, machinery, barns, and rural landscapes.

804 – *Featured Class*: America 250 – Celebrating the USA

Photographs celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Images may capture patriotism, American heritage, historic landmarks, community celebrations, flags, veterans, small-town traditions, or what America means to the photographer.

805 – Open Photography

Any photograph not appropriately classified in the above classes.

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row** and the **Champion's Row Silent Auction**. Exhibitors must indicate participation in the auction at the time of entry. If a qualifying exhibitor declines to participate, the judge will select the next highest-placing Purple Ribbon exhibit from that class. Subject to change.

Winning photographers may choose to donate the original mounted photograph or provide a duplicate print of the same size and quality for the Champion's Row Silent Auction. All Champion's Row photographs must remain on display until the official release of exhibits at the close of the fair.

Category 9 – STEM

Age Divisions

Exhibitors shall enter according to their age as of January 1 of the current year.

- **Youth:** Ages 11 and younger
- **Teen:** Ages 12–18
- **Adult:** Ages 19 & Up
- **Lives with Assistance:** Open to individuals who reside in an assisted living facility, nursing home, or who receive regular assistance from a caregiver due to age, disability, or other support needs.

Rules

1. Exhibits must have been created by the exhibitor within the past twelve (12) months.
2. Each exhibitor may enter up to two (2) exhibits per class.
3. Attach plans, drawings, or a brief description explaining the project and any special details of construction that would assist the judge during the evaluation process.
4. Exhibits must be clean, complete, and safe for display.
5. Projects will be judged on:
 - Workmanship
 - Design and creativity
 - Construction techniques
 - Difficulty and skill level
 - Overall appearance and presentation

Classes

901 – Welding Project

Projects constructed primarily of metal using welding or metal fabrication techniques.

902 – Woodworking Project

Projects constructed primarily from wood.

903 – 3-D Design & Printing

Projects designed using CAD software or created through 3-D printing or other digital fabrication methods.

Awards

The judge will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** from all Purple Ribbon exhibits in each age division.

Champion's Row Eligibility

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are eligible for **Champion's Row** and the **Champion's Row Silent Auction**. Exhibitors must indicate participation in the auction at the time of entry. If a qualifying exhibitor declines to participate, the judge will select the next highest-placing Purple Ribbon exhibit from that class. Subject to change.

CHAMPION'S ROW

Champion's Row is a prestigious recognition for outstanding exhibits. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits selected throughout the Inside Exhibits competition are honored with a place on Champion's Row. This is a standalone perk and distinction, regardless of auction participation. All Champion's Row selections are subject to the discretion of the judges, and the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo Inside Exhibits Committee.

YOUTH PREMIUM LIVE FOOD AUCTION

The Youth Premium Live Food Auction recognizes outstanding youth culinary exhibits while providing exhibitors with the opportunity to earn premium support from buyers.

Eligibility

- Open to exhibitors in the Peewee, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions.
- Eligible entries include exhibits from the Food Preparation category. Exhibits must receive a Purple Ribbon.
- Exhibitors must indicate their intent to participate at the time of entry.

Entry Limits

- Each exhibitor may sell a maximum of two (2) exhibits per eligible category.
- If an exhibitor earns more qualifying Purple Ribbon exhibits than permitted, the judge will designate the exhibitor's auction entries.
- Exhibitors whose entries are selected for the Live Food Auction must provide the quantity specified in the class description for auction.

Premium Distribution

- Youth Exhibitor: 95%
- Inter-State Fair & Rodeo: 5%

ADULT PREMIUM LIVE FOOD AUCTION

The Adult Premium Live Food Auction recognizes outstanding culinary exhibits entered in the Adult and Lives with Assistance age divisions.

Eligibility

- Open to Adult and Lives with Assistance exhibitors only.

- Eligible entries include exhibits from the Food Preparation category. Exhibits must receive a Purple Ribbon.
- Exhibitors must indicate their intent to participate at the time of entry.

Entry Limits

- Each exhibitor may sell one (1) exhibit in the Live Food Auction.
- If an exhibitor earns more qualifying Purple Ribbon exhibits than permitted, the judge will designate the exhibitor's auction entries.
- Exhibitors whose entries are selected for the Live Food Auction must provide the quantity specified in the class description for auction.

Premium Distribution

- Adult Exhibitor: 70%
- Inter-State Fair & Rodeo: 30%

CHAMPION'S ROW SILENT AUCTION

The Champion's Row Silent Auction is reserved for all Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits on Champion's Row that are not eligible or selected for the Live Food Auction.

Exceptions

At the discretion of the judges and the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo Exhibits Committee, additional exhibits awarded a purple ribbon may be chosen to be placed in the silent auction.

Participation

- Exhibitors must indicate at the time of entry whether their exhibit is available for the Silent Auction.
- Exhibits marked "Not Available for Auction" remain eligible for ribbons, placings, and display on Champion's Row.

Sale Requirements

- Sold exhibits shall remain on display until the official release time.
- Food Preservation exhibitors selected for Champion's Row must provide two (2) unopened jars or bags of the qualifying exhibit.
- Photography exhibitors selected for Champion's Row may donate the original mounted photograph or provide a duplicate print of the same size and quality.

Premium Distribution

- Youth Exhibitors: 95% to Exhibitor, 5% to ISFR.
- Adult & Lives with Assistance Exhibitors: 70% to Exhibitor, 30% to ISFR.