

EXHIBITION HALL 2026

VEGETABLES, FRUITS, CANNED, OTHER FOODS & GRANGE ENTRIES

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Items may be entered at the Exhibition Hall during the following hours:

Wednesday - 9AM to 7PM

Thursday - 9AM to 8PM

Friday 8AM to 12PM

Judging for classes 11, 12, 13 and 14 Starts at 12:30 Friday

Exhibits must remain until the last day of the Fair at 6PM. Any exhibit leaving before that time forfeits premium. Permission may be obtained from the head of department in special cases. Items are to be removed from the Exhibition Hall after 6PM on Labor Day, or Tuesday before noon. Any fruit or vegetable that is left behind will be donated to the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Blue Hill, if safe to do so. All other items will be disposed of at the discretion of the superintendent.

VEGETABLES

Prepared free of dirt, preferably brushes or wiped clean, tops removed. Vegetables should be uniform in size. Provide the exact name for each variety, and please make sure you are bringing the correct number required for each vegetable. Please bring a list of names. The top three prize money winners in classes 11, 12, 13, and 14, excluding the Largest Pumpkin or Squash Contest will be awarded free passes to next year's Blue Hill Fair. If you have extra return address stickers, please bring them with your exhibit. This would help in making entry tags.

1 Variety Entry Per Family Group

Premiums:

1st - \$5 2nd - \$4
(Unless otherwise noted)

Dry Beans (*Quart in Glass jar, any variety*)

5 table beets, each variety

5 table carrots, each variety

5 cucumbers, each variety
 5 onions, each variety
 5 green or red peppers, each variety
 5 parsnips, each variety
 5 potatoes, each variety
 5 green tomatoes, each variety
 5 ripe tomatoes, each variety
 5 radishes, each variety
 5 Brussels sprouts, each variety
 5 gourds, each variety
 5 ears of corn in husk (*husk & silk not to be molested*), each variety
 12 pods bush beans, each variety
 12 pods pole beans, each variety
 2 pumpkins, each variety
 2 winter squash, each variety
 2 summer squash, each variety
 2 eggplants, each variety
 2 turnips, each variety
 2 heads of cauliflower, each variety
 2 heads of cabbage, each variety
 2 sunflower heads, each variety
 1 bunch Swiss chard, each variety
 1 bunch lettuce, each variety
 1 bunch broccoli, each variety
 1 bunch kale, each variety
 1 bunch celery, each variety
 1 bunch herbs, *5 different varieties*
 1 sheaf of grain, each variety

 1 peck of potatoes, each variety
 1st - \$13, 2nd \$10

We will accept any other vegetable not listed above.

	Any Other	
1st - \$5		2nd \$4

LARGEST PUMPKIN OR SQUASH CONTEST

Open to all Residents of the State of Maine
Pumpkin/Squash shall be grown in the State of Maine
Pumpkin/Squash must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor
Each exhibitor may enter only one pumpkin/squash per year, that will be prize eligible.
All entries must remain on exhibit for the duration of the Fair, until 6PM on Labor Day.
Specimens must be healthy and undamaged.
Winner will be the biggest Pumpkin/Squash by natural weight.
Pumpkins/Squash will be judged together for this contest.

Largest Pumpkin or Squash

(Entries weighing below 100 pounds will not qualify)

1st - \$150 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$75

Largest Summer Squash

\$1st - \$25 2nd - \$15

FRUITS

Prepared free of dirt, preferably wiped clean not washed. Fruit should be uniform in size. Provide exact name of each variety.

Premiums:

1st - \$5 2nd - \$4
(Unless otherwise noted)

5 apples, each variety
5 pears, each variety
5 plums, each variety
5 peaches, each variety
Qt. basket of blueberries
Qt. basket of blackberries
Qt. basket of raspberries
Qt. basket of strawberries
Qt. basket of grapes
2 muskmelons
2 watermelons
Any other

CANNED GOODS

To be entered by 12 noon, Friday.
Jars should be of uniform size

Premiums:

1st - \$8 2nd - \$5
(Unless otherwise noted)

Exhibit of canned vegetables - 6 different varieties

Exhibit of canned fruit - 6 different varieties

Exhibit of canned pickles & relishes - 6 different varieties

Collection of jams, jellies, and preserves - 6 different varieties

Collection of different types of home canned products, 6 different items

Single canned good item, any variety

1st - \$3 2nd - \$2

HONEY, DAIRY, POULTRY PRODUCTS, ETC.

Premiums:

1st - \$5 2nd - \$4

Honey

Butter, 1 lb

Eggs, 1 dozen

Maple Syrup

Any other

Mr. McGregor's Garden Contest

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This contest is open to all ages, divided into 4 age divisions, and is designed to encourage the display of home-grown fruits and vegetables in an attractive and creative manner, inspired by the garden of Mr. McGregor.

All entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Produce shall be clean, free of dirt, and neatly prepared. Exhibits must not exceed 10"x10" inches. Only fruits, vegetables, and herbs may be used. No dips or processed foods are permitted. Judging will be based on quality of produce used and creativity of the exhibit.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each age division, as stated below.

Exhibits will be returned to the exhibitor

Sprouts: Ages 4–8	\$15/\$10/\$5
Seedlings: Ages 9–13	\$20/\$15/\$10
Gardeners: Ages 14–17	\$25//\$20/\$15
Master Gardeners: 18+	\$30/\$25/\$20

“Peter’s Picnic Plate” (Ages 4–13)

Exhibitors will prepare a small exhibit suitable for Peter Rabbit. Entries shall consist of three (3) to five (5) bite-sized fruits and/or vegetables.

“From Mr. McGregor’s Garden” (Ages 14 and up)

Exhibitors will prepare a small exhibit of four (4) to six (6) fruits and/or vegetables, attractively arranged to represent a fresh garden harvest.

GRANGE EXHIBITS

Open to any Grange. Display to include a variety of products raised or made by members of each organization. Each display will be placed in a 4' x 6' area, with the Grange providing stands and backgrounds for the display.

All Grange organizations participating will receive \$175.