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- Preregistration is required.
- Registration deadline Friday, September 15, 2023
- Social security numbers and NC Substitute W-9 forms are required for prize money to be awarded.
- Submit questions to: ncsfCompetitions@ncagr.gov
- The Bees & Honey Competition is open to all residents of North Carolina.
- Exhibits accepted:
Saturday, October 7, from 11:00am until 7:00pm
Sunday, October 8, from 11:00am until 7:00pm
- Judging is Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10
- Release of Exhibits:
County Association Booths released after 10:00pm on Sunday, October 22, or from 9:00am until 1:00pm on Monday, October 23. Claim tickets are required. Individual Exhibitors released Monday, October 23 from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the Expo Building. Claim tickets are required.
- Please take into consideration that entries made and brought to the fair too early may mold before judging and therefore will not be judged.
- The NC State Fair **General Fair Rules for Exhibitors** apply. They can be found at the back of this chapter. Except in cases of conflict, in which event the following rules and regulations will prevail, the general rules and regulations of the fair will govern this department.
- All bee and bee products entered in competition must have been produced by the exhibitor, in North Carolina, during the current season, with the exception of mead.
- All honey displayed must be protected from honeybees and other insects.
- Honey jars should have no labels.
- Make your entries early! The right is reserved to reject entries received after all available space is taken.
- Exhibitors are urged to personally deliver their exhibits at the Fair. Pre-paid UPS or FedEx shipments will be accepted if addressed to NC State Fair - Entry Dept, 4285 Trinity Road, Raleigh, NC 27609. Mail entry items along with a duplicate entry form and any instructions inside the package. Exhibits should be packed with care, so as to arrive in good, clean condition.
- Further information may be obtained by contacting: Plant Industry Division, NC Department of Agriculture (984) 477-8030, or NC State Fair (919) 839-4513.



Bees & Honey

RESERVATIONS FOR COUNTY ASSOCIATION BOOTHS: County Association booth space may be reserved on or before August 1st. Reserve space by contacting Adolphus Leonard - adolphus.leonard@ncagr.gov. Booths not requested by this date will be assigned by invitation. Booth space will be allocated on basis of show record of applicant if there are more applicants than available space. Booths may be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Booth space assignments will be made before 9:00am Saturday, Oct. 7. Exhibitors may begin setting up displays at 10:00 am Saturday, Oct 7 and must be in place for judging by 9:00 pm on Sunday, Oct 8, 2023.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION BOOTH REGISTRATION GUIDELINES:

- Designate someone to represent your association.
- Your association representative will fill out a **paper entry form** to establish an account with the fair using the standard paper form that individuals fill out. It will feature the association’s federal tax ID and it will include a NC Substitute W-9 form filled out **for the association**. It will not include any entries.
- Association members wanting to enter items **for the Association Booth** should enter on paper, using both their name and the association’s name and the association’s mailing address. Members should NOT fill out a NC Substitute W-9 for their association booth entries.
- Association members entering items **for themselves** can enter online or on paper, using their name and social security number. Members must fill out a NC Substitute W-9 form. Note: Paper entry forms have a limit or 20 entries.
- Association Booth classes are only found in **DIVISION 106**.

REGULATIONS FOR COUNTY ASSOCIATION BOOTHS:

There will be no peddling, hawking, or selling of any kind in or around booths that is not in keeping with Fair policy. Booths must be kept clean and neat. All items not on exhibit must be removed from exhibit area or stored in storage space under the booth. No boxes or other material shall be left on the floor behind the booths.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN JUDGING HONEY EXHIBITS:

These factors are general guides for the use of judges and exhibitors. The assignment of points for each factor in judging will be at the discretion of the judges. The moisture content of honey entries will be checked by the superintendents upon receipt at the Fair, if requested.

COLLECTION OF 12 NECTAR/POLLEN-PRODUCING PLANTS

Plants Important To Honey Bees – Photos, Models Or Samples

Factors	Points
1. Educational Value (Preference given to plants or regional importance and reason for importance)	40
2. Quality: Overall attractiveness	30
3. Showmanship: Originality, choice of colors and arrangement	30
	100

COMB HONEY AND BULK HONEY FRAMES

1. Uniformity of appearance (between and within sections)	20
2. Absence of uncapped cells	15
3. Uniformity of color	15
4. Absence of watery cappings	15
5. Cleanliness and general appearance of sections or frames	15
6. Freedom from granulation and pollen	10
7. Appearance of cappings and freedom from impurities	10
	100



CUT COMB HONEY

1. Uniformity of appearance (between and within sections)	25
2. Neatness of comb cut: ragged edges, parallel cuts and uniformity of size of cuts	30
3. Uniformity of color	15
4. Absence of watery cappings	10
5. Appearance of cappings and freedom from impurities	10
6. Cleanliness and general appearance of containers	10
	100

CHUNK HONEY IN JARS

1. Neatness and Uniformity of Cut	22
a. Up-grade for paralleled and 4-sided cuts	
b. Down-grade for ragged edges	
2. Absence of watery cappings, uncapped cells and pollen	20
3. Cleanliness of product (down-grade for travel stains, foreign matter, wax flakes, foam, crystallization)	20
4. Uniformity of appearance in capping structure color, and thickness of chunks	25
5. Density of liquid portion	13
a. Water content above 18.6% will be disqualified.	
6. Flavor (points will be reduced for honey flavor that has been adversely affected by processing)	10
7. Disqualification for fermentation	
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EXTRACTED HONEY

1. Density - Water content above 18.6% will be disqualified.	
2. Absence of crystals	13
3. Cleanliness	34
a. Without lint (8 points)	
b. Without dirt (11 points)	
c. Without wax (8 points)	
d. Without foam (7 points)	
4. Flavor - Points will be reduced for honey flavor that has been adversely affected by processing	13
5. Accuracy of filling and uniformity	25
6. Container appearance	15
	100

CREAMED HONEY

1. Fineness of crystals	30
2. Uniformity and firmness of product	25
3. Cleanliness and freedom from foam	30
4. Flavor and color	15
	100

BEESWAX IN BULK

1. Color: straw to canary yellow	20
2. Cleanliness: absence of honey, and other impurities	30
3. Uniformity of appearance	15
4. Absence of cracking and shrinkage	20
5. Aroma and texture	10
6. Size/weight	5
	100

PURE BEESWAX PRODUCTS (Novelties, Candles, Figurines, etc.)

1. Color: straw to canary yellow	20
2. Cleanliness: absence of honey, propolis and other impurities	30
3. Uniformity of appearance of all wax in entry	15
4. Aroma and texture	5
5. Quality, craftsmanship and appearance of beeswax products	30
	100



NOVELTY ITEMS CONTAINING BEESWAX

1. Cleanliness	20
2. Quality of Wax	20
3. Design, craftsmanship and overall appearance	35
4. Originality	25
	100

COSMETIC ITEMS CONTAINING BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY

1. Cleanliness	20
2. Quality of Wax/Honey	20
3. Design, craftsmanship and overall appearance	35
4. Originality	25
	100

BEE THEMED CRAFTS (Handmade)

1. Creativity	30
2. Appearance	25
3. Originality	20
4. Quality	25
	100

GIFT PACKAGE OF BEE PRODUCTS

1. General Appearance	30
2. Manufactured by Entrant	15
3. Originality	30
4. Quality of Components	10
5. Availability of Components	5
6. Manageability (ability to transport)	10
	100

MEAD - Non-carbonated, honey only; MEAD - with fruit

1. Clarity	25
2. Color	5
3. Taste	20
4. Body	10
5. Bouquet	20
6. Bottles	10
7. Bottle Closure	<u>10</u>
	100

PHOTOGRAPHY (Beekeeping Prints)

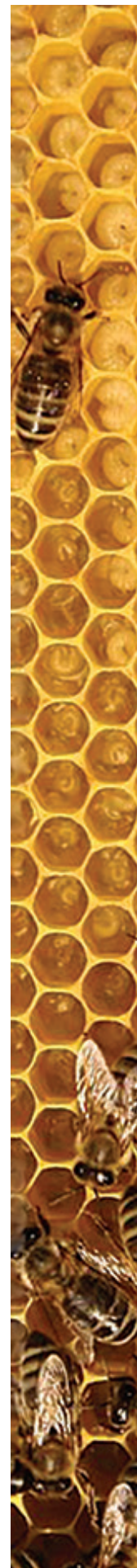
1. Photographic Quality	30
2. Mounting (all photographs must be mounted) Points may be added for framed entries.	10
3. Content of photograph	30
4. Caption describing photograph (must be visible when displayed)	30
	100

COUNTY ASSOCIATION DISPLAY BOOTH

1. Educational and advertising value	35
2. Showmanship: includes decoration, overall attractiveness and originality	35
3. Quality: includes overall display and component parts (from Class 1-29, 74-78)	30
	100

BEEKEEPING COLORING BOOK

1. Overall Quality/General Appearance	30
2. Originality	20
3. Educational Value	40
4. Caption accompanying each page/scene	10
	100



DIVISION 101 – SENIOR HONEY COMPETITION

Class 01 – DISPLAY OF 12 NECTAR PLANTS <i>Must show bloom. These may include living plants, pictures or other aids suitably mounted or displayed.</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	
Class 02 – ONE FRAME WITH COMB FOR EXTRACTING <i>Plastic, wired or plain foundation.</i>	\$25	\$15	\$10		
Class 03 – ONE FRAME WITH COMB FOR CHUNK OR CUT <i>No wired or plastic foundation.</i>	\$25	\$15	\$10		
Class 04 – THREE SECTIONS OF COMB HONEY <i>In section boxes or rounds.</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10		
Class 05 – THREE SECTIONS CUT COMB HONEY <i>In containers. Suitable for retail. No liquid.</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10		
Class 06 – THREE JARS LIGHT COMB HONEY, CHUNK <i>Not less than 14 oz.</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10		
Class 07 – THREE JARS AMBER COMB HONEY, CHUNK <i>Not less than 14 oz.</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10		
Class 08 – THREE JARS EXTRA LIGHT AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY <i>Not less than 14 oz.</i>	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5
Class 09 – THREE JARS LIGHT AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY <i>Not less than 14 oz.</i>	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5
Class 10 – THREE JARS AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY <i>Not less than 14 oz.</i>	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5
Class 11 – THREE JARS DARK AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY <i>Not less than 14 oz.</i>	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5
Class 12 – THREE CONTAINERS CREAMED HONEY <i>Not less than 12 oz. Finely granulated. May use tubs or opaque containers. No labels.</i>	\$22	\$17	\$12		
Class 13 – THREE CONTAINERS FLAVORED CREAMED HONEY <i>Not less than 12 oz. May use tubs or opaque containers. No labels.</i>	\$22	\$17	\$12		

DIVISION 102 – BULK DISPLAY

Class 01 – DISPLAY OF EXTRACTED HONEY <i>Not less than 50 lbs., in multiple clear containers with no container exceeding 2 1/2 pounds of capacity.</i>	\$50	\$30	\$20		
Class 02 – PURE BEESWAX SINGLE BLOCK <i>Not less than 10 lbs., in size and shape commonly on sale by the apiarist (additional blocks will enhance display and be noted in judging)</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	

DIVISION 103 – NON HONEY, BEE PRODUCTS

Class 01 – PURE BEESWAX PRODUCTS <i>Carvings, models, etc, must be composed of pure beeswax only-and not painted. No candles.</i>	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 02 – MOLDED OR ROLLED CANDLES <i>Pure beeswax</i>	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 03 – DIPPED TAPERED CANDLES <i>Pure beeswax 8-12 inches. No dyes. Two candles per entry.</i>	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 04 – NOVELTY BEESWAX ITEMS <i>Similar to Class 16 but products other than beeswax may be used and items may be painted.</i>	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6



Class 05 – BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY COSMETIC ITEMS - CREAMS	\$15	\$12	\$10		
<i>Three jars/tins (glass or plastic, of hand cream or lotion. Minimum weight 1.5 oz, containing beeswax and/or honey, with ingredients listed on label.</i>					
Class 06 – BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY COSMETIC ITEMS - SOAPS	\$15	\$12	\$10		
<i>Three bars of soap, containing beeswax and/or honey, with ingredients listed on label.</i>					
Class 07 – BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY COSMETIC ITEMS - LIP BALMS	\$15	\$12	\$10		
<i>Three tins, tubs, or tubes of lip balm containing beeswax and/or honey. Ingredients must be listed on label.</i>					
Class 08 – ONE GIFT PACKAGE OF BEE PRODUCTS Suitable for sale to public	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
Class 09 – TWO BOTTLES OF NON-CARBONATED DRY MEAD	\$25	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8
<i>No flavor added* Approximately 26 oz. capacity each.</i>					
Class 10 – TWO BOTTLES OF NON-CARBONATED SWEET MEAD	\$25	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8
<i>No flavor added* Approximately 26 oz. capacity each.</i>					
Class 11 – TWO BOTTLES OF MEAD WITH FRUIT	\$25	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8
<i>Approximately 26 oz. capacity each.</i>					
Class 12 – ONE BLACK & WHITE PRINT of a honey bee or beekeeping related scene with appropriate caption. Must be mounted and no larger than 8x10 inches. Framing is optional.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 13 – ONE COLOR PRINT of a honey bee or beekeeping related scene with appropriate caption. Must be mounted and no larger than 8x10 inches. Framing is optional.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6

DIVISION 104 – BEE-THEMED CRAFTS (HANDMADE)

Class 01 – QUILTS Suitable for wall hanging	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 02 – DECORATIVE ITEMS	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 03 – HANDMADE HIVE Painted and/or decorated	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 04 – PAINTINGS	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 05 – JEWELRY	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$8	

DIVISION 105 – JUNIOR HONEY COMPETITION *Junior competition classes are open to entries by 4-H, FFA and FHA members and other North Carolina youth under 18 years of age.*

Class 01 – THREE JARS CHUNK, COMB HONEY Not less than 14 oz.	\$15	\$10	\$8		
Class 02 – THREE JARS EXTRACTED, LIGHT Not less than 14 oz.	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$5	
Class 03 – THREE JARS EXTRACTED, DARK Not less than 14 oz.	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$5	
Class 04 – THREE SECTIONS OF COMB May be square or round	\$15	\$10	\$8		
Class 05 – ONE BLACK & WHITE PRINT of a honey bee or beekeeping related scene with appropriate caption. Must be mounted and no larger than 8x10 inches.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 06 – ONE COLOR PRINT of a honey bee or beekeeping related scene with appropriate caption. Must be mounted and no larger than 8x10 inches.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 07 – PURE BEESWAX PRODUCTS Candles, carvings, models, novelties, etc. All products must be composed of pure beeswax only and <u>not</u> painted.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 08 – NOVELTY BEESWAX ITEMS - Products other than beeswax may be used and the products may be painted.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	
Class 09 – BEEKEEPING COLORING BOOK Contents of at least six pages plus cover, each picture (scene) must be accompanied by an appropriate caption.	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	

DIVISION 106 – COUNTY ASSOCIATION DISPLAY BOOTH

All entries included in the display will be assessed points towards sweepstakes consideration.

1st: \$150, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$80, 4th: \$70, 5th: \$55, 6th: \$50 7th: \$45

See end of section for Sweepstakes information

- Class 01 – DISPLAY OF 12 NECTAR PLANTS *Must show bloom. These may include living plants, pictures or other aids suitably mounted or displayed.*
- Class 02 – ONE FRAME WITH COMB FOR EXTRACTING *Plastic, wired or plain foundation.*
- Class 03 – ONE FRAME WITH COMB FOR CHUNK OR CUT *No wired or plastic foundation.*
- Class 04 – THREE SECTIONS OF COMB HONEY *In section boxes or rounds.*
- Class 05 – THREE SECTIONS CUT COMB HONEY *In containers. Suitable for retail. No liquid.*
- Class 06 – THREE JARS LIGHT COMB HONEY, CHUNK *Not less than 14 oz.*
- Class 07 – THREE JARS AMBER COMB HONEY, CHUNK *Not less than 14 oz.*
- Class 08 – THREE JARS EXTRA LIGHT AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY *Not less than 14 oz.*
- Class 09 – THREE JARS LIGHT AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY *Not less than 14 oz.*
- Class 10 – THREE JARS AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY *Not less than 14 oz.*
- Class 11 – THREE JARS DARK AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY *Not less than 14 oz.*
- Class 12 – THREE CONTAINERS CREAMED HONEY *Not less than 12 oz. Finely granulated. May use tubs or opaque containers. No labels.*
- Class 13 – THREE CONTAINERS FLAVORED CREAMED HONEY
- Class 14 – DISPLAY OF EXTRACTED HONEY *Not less than 50 lbs., in multiple clear containers with no container exceeding 2 1/2 pounds of capacity.*
- Class 15 – PURE BEESWAX SINGLE BLOCK *Not less than 10 lbs., in size and shape commonly on sale by the apiarist (additional blocks will enhance display and be noted in judging)*
- Class 16 – PURE BEESWAX PRODUCTS *Carvings, models, etc, must be composed of pure beeswax only-and not painted. No candles.*
- Class 17 – MOLDED OR ROLLED CANDLES *Pure beeswax*
- Class 18 – TWO DIPPED TAPERED CANDLES *Pure beeswax 8-12 inches. No dyes. 2 per entry.*
- Class 19 – NOVELTY BEESWAX ITEMS *Similar to Class 16 but products other than beeswax may be used and items may be painted.*
- Class 20 – BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY COSMETIC ITEMS - CREAM *Must have labels. List of ingredients required*
- Class 21 – BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY COSMETIC ITEMS - SOAP *Must have labels. List of ingredients required*
- Class 22 – BEESWAX AND/OR HONEY COSMETIC ITEMS - LIP BALM *Must have labels. List of ingredients required*
- Class 23 – ONE GIFT PACKAGE OF BEE PRODUCTS *Suitable for sale to public*
- Class 24 – TWO BOTTLES OF NON-CARBONATED DRY MEAD *No flavor added* Approximately 26 oz. capacity each.*
- Class 25 – TWO BOTTLES OF NON-CARBONATED SWEET MEAD *No flavor added* Approximately 26 oz. capacity each.*
- Class 26 – TWO BOTTLES OF MEAD WITH FRUIT *Approximately 26 oz. capacity each.*

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Class 27 – ONE BLACK & WHITE PRINT of a honey bee or beekeeping related scene with appropriate caption. Must be mounted and no larger than 8x10 inches. Framing is optional.

Class 28 – ONE COLOR PRINT of a honey bee or beekeeping related scene with appropriate caption. Must be mounted and no larger than 8x10 inches. Framing is optional.

Class 29 – QUILT Suitable for wall hanging.

Class 30 – DECORATIVE ITEMS



HONEY COLOR CHART

To enter the correct color category, use this Honey Color chart for reference:

Honey Extra Light Amber and Light Amber will be one category.



Inexpensive color charts are available from honeybee supply companies referencing this color scale. This color chart should be used for an example only.

Your computer may not recreate the color accurately.

FOODS COOKED WITH HONEY

All entries in this class must contain honey as one of the principal sweetening ingredients.

The purpose of this competition is to demonstrate skill in the use of honey in cooking. Therefore, the proportion of honey in the recipe will be a primary consideration in scoring by the judges. There are no other ingredient restrictions, and commercial mixes may be used. Factors such as whether the entry is representative of the entered class and freshness of the product will be considered in the judging. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that entries are correctly classified and tagged. The score cards used in Department BAK (Baking) will be used as guides in judging foods cooked with honey.

Place cakes on pieces of very heavy cardboard which has been covered with foil or wax paper. Cardboard should extend one inch beyond the cake on all sides. Punch a hole in the cardboard base so an entry tag can be tied through it. An entry tag will be provided when the entry is delivered. Place the unwrapped entry in a large clear food grade plastic bag (plastic wrap is not acceptable) with the entry tag extending outside the bag. You must supply your own plastic bag. None will be available at the Fair entry office. Entries may be transferred to clear plastic containers by the judges for display. Any liquid entries should be in disposable containers.

Entries must be prepared from ingredients compatible with commonly accepted recipes for the class in which are entered. Each entry must be accompanied by a recipe on a 3x5 or suitable card using only one side of the card (may be placed in a zip lock bag). Exhibitors are required to enter at least 1/2 of a cake and bread, 7 cookies or enough to cover an 8" plate for judging. Junior and Senior entries cannot be from the same cake. Commercial mixes are acceptable but not ranked as highly as items made from scratch. All entries will be discarded at the end of the Fair unless other arrangements have been made with the superintendent. Assistance may be provided to Junior participants but the entry must be primarily the effort of the entrant.

Please take into consideration that entries made and brought to the Fair too early may mold before judging and therefore will not be judged.

DIVISION 107 – SENIOR HONEY FOODS

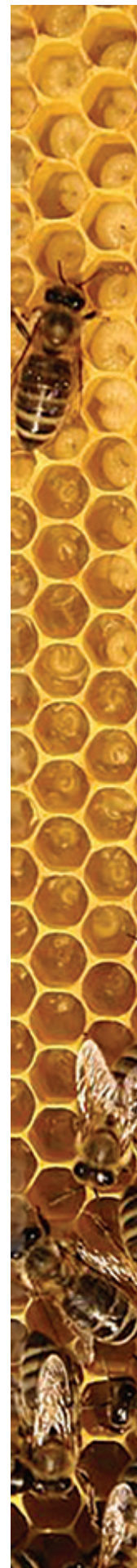
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Class 01 – YEAST, WHITE BREAD	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 02 – YEAST, WHOLE WHEAT OR GRAHAM BREAD <i>Must use at least 1/2 whole wheat.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 03 – QUICK BREAD & BREAD PUDDING	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 04 – MUFFINS	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 05 – PLAIN ROLLS <i>with honey topping</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 06 – SWEET ROLLS <i>Pecan, or cinnamon with honey glaze</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 07 – HONEY DEVILS FOOD CAKE	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 08 – HONEY SPICE CAKE	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 09 – FRUIT CAKE	\$12	\$9	\$7	\$6	\$5
Class 10 – CAKE ANY VARIETY NOT LISTED	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 11 – FRUIT DROP COOKIES	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 12 – COOKIES, ANY VARIETY NOT LISTED	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 13 – CARAMEL CANDY <i>1/2 lb.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3



Class 14 – SEAFOAM OR DIVINITY CANDY <i>1/2 lb.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 15 – CHOCOLATE FUDGE CANDY <i>1/2 lb.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 16 – PENUCHE FUDGE CANDY <i>1/2 lb.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 17 – SNACK FOODS <i>Popcorn, peanuts, granola, peanut butter, raisins.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 18 – PIE <i>Apple, peach, pecan, etc.</i>	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 19 – BARBECUE SAUCE <i>8 oz. minimum in glass half pint jar</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 20 – SALAD DRESSING <i>Honey mustard, poppyseed, other. 8 oz. minimum in glass - half pint jar.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3

DIVISION 108 – JUNIOR HONEY FOODS - under 16 years of age

Class 01 – QUICK BREAD & BREAD PUDDING	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 02 – MUFFINS	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 03 – HONEY DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 04 – HONEY SPICE CAKE	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 05 – ANY VARIETY CAKE NOT LISTED	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 06 – FRUIT DROP COOKIES	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 07 – CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 08 – ANY VARIETY COOKIE NOT LISTED	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 09 – CHOCOLATE FUDGE CANDY, <i>1/2 lb.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 10 – PENUCHE FUDGE CANDY, <i>1/2 lb.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 11 – SNACK FOODS <i>Popcorn, peanuts, granola, peanut butter, raisins</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 12 – PIE <i>Apple, peach, pecan, etc.</i>	\$11	\$8	\$7	\$4	\$3
Class 13 – BARBECUE SAUCE <i>Half pint glass jar, 8 oz. minimum.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 14 – SALAD DRESSING <i>Honey mustard, poppyseed, other, in glass half pint jar. 8 oz. minimum</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3
Class 15 – SWEET SAUCES & SPREADS <i>Ice cream sauce or honey butter spread in glass half pint jar. 8oz. minimum.</i>	\$9	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3



DIVISION 100 – HON SPECIAL AWARDS

A County Sweepstakes Ribbon will be awarded to the county exhibitor with the highest score, with points based on placings in Divisions 101, 102, 103, and 107. Scored on the following basis: First place, 3 points, Second place, 2 points, Third place, 1 point. Class 01

A Senior Sweepstakes Ribbon will be awarded to the individual exhibitor with the highest score, with points based on placings in Divisions 101, 102, 103, and 107. Scored on the following basis: First place, 3 points, Second place, 2 points, Third place, 1 point. Class 02

A Junior Honey Competition Sweepstakes Ribbon will be awarded to the individual exhibitor with the highest score, with points based on placings in Divisions 104. Scored on the following basis: First place, 3 points, Second place, 2 points, Third place, 1 point. Class 03

A Senior “Food Cooked with Honey Sweepstakes Ribbon” will be awarded to the individual exhibitor with the highest score, with points based on placings in Divisions 107. Scored on the following basis: First place, 3 points, Second place, 2 points, Third place, 1 point. Class 04

A Junior “Foods Cooked with Honey Sweepstakes Ribbon” will be awarded to the individual exhibitor with the highest score, with points based on placings in Divisions 108. Scored on the following basis: First place, 3 points, Second place, 2 points, Third place, 1 point. Class 05

BEST OF SHOW

A Best of Show award will be given to the senior and junior exhibit that in the opinion of the judges is the best single entry submitted overall (either cooking or honey).

Senior Class 06 \$50
Junior Class 07 \$50



REGISTRATION TIPS

READ THE RULES before you fill out any entry registration form. There are Department Rules in the front of each chapter & General Rules for Exhibitors at the back.

The deadline to register your entries in a fair competition is **SEPTEMBER 15th.**

NEW - Paper entry forms are limited to **20 ENTRIES TOTAL.** You can enter in multiple departments using different forms but the paper form overall total is limited to 20 entries. **ONLINE ENTRY IS UNLIMITED.**

NEW - **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** are required if you enter online (they used to be optional).

If you don't want to give your social security number write DECLINE in the space for social security numbers on the paper entry or write 999-99-9999 if you are registering online.

NEW - **NC SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORMS** are required if you want to receive prize money. This is in addition to your SSN.

You must give your social security number and submit your NC Substitute W-9 form **WHEN YOU REGISTER.**

If you don't want to fill out a NC Substitute W-9 form, you should enter by paper entry form and mail it in by the deadline. You can still enter any fair competition, but you won't receive prize money. (Ribbons = Yes!)

Fillable Form Steps: Click the NC Substitute W-9 link; **DOWNLOAD** the file to your system; **NAME IT** your full name and save it; **CLOSE** the linked page; **OPEN** your saved file; **FILL IT OUT**, finally **UPLOAD IT** to Showworks when prompted. The fillable form will ask you for a digital signature. If you want to bypass this, print the form, fill it out manually, sign it, scan it, upload it or mail it in.

If you can't mail your form by September 15, bring it with you when you deliver your entries.

Use these tips when you fill out your NC Substitute W-9 form.

Understand that you cannot smudge or scratch out or otherwise correct mistakes on the form. If you need to, start over with a clean document.

The required fields are *1, *2, *4, *6, *8, *9, *12,*13, and section 2 at the bottom.

Most people will be entering as **INDIVIDUALS** and will use their Social Security Number as their tax ID.

You need to register with your full legal name - the way it is written on your SSN Card.

If you don't have your card, write your name the way it is written on your Driver's License or any other government document. You cannot use someone else's name, social security number or address. If your name, address or social security number has changed recently, you will need to fill out page 2 of the NC Substitute W-9 form.

Some will be entering as a **FARM or BUSINESS** and will use an EIN Number.

If you are using an EIN you must register using the name of the business.

You must use the address on record for that business.

You cannot mix and match names and addresses between personal & business.

If the information for the business has changed, you will need to fill out page 2 of the NC Substitute W-9 form and provide the old and the new information.

Some will be entering as an **Association, Group or School**.

You will need to use an EIN Number or Social Security Number (if that is how your home school is set up) and the address on record. You cannot mix and match names, addresses and EIN Numbers. If the name, address or tax ID number has changed recently you will need to fill out page 2 of the NC Substitute W-9 form.

If you are using a shared tax ID (where more than one group or address shares the same tax ID) like a 4-H Chapter or a school that is part of a public school association, you will need to include your information in the Remittance Address section (Number 7) on the right hand side of the form. You cannot have the prize money sent to your home address or a different school. Most county public school associations have pre-filled out and signed NC Substitute W-9 forms available from their headquarters. You will need to add your school's name and address to the document so that the prize check comes to you and not the county headquarters. Add it in the Remittance Address section (Number 7) on the right hand side, middle of the page.

NC STATE FAIR ENTRY FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Exhibitor's Legal Name:

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name - as it appears on your social security card, driver's license or any government document

Exhibitor's Legal Address:

Street Address - R.F.D., PO Box or Apartment Number)

City, State, Zip

County

E-mail address

Phone

Birth Date

Exhibitor Social Security Number:

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- Exhibitors are allowed to register for competitions without disclosing their Social Security Number.
 - Choosing NOT to disclose their SSN at the time of registration forfeits any and all prize money.
 - Prizes such as ribbons, medals, rosettes and plaques will still be awarded.
 - State Fair staff WILL NOT contact winning exhibitors following the fair who did not submit their SSN at the time of registration.
 - State Fair staff WILL NOT accept any calls/emails/etc. from winning exhibitors who chose not to disclose their SSN.

IMPORTANT IRS INFORMATION: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require that we have the Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) which corresponds to the name to whom the check for prize money is written. If we are notified by the IRS that the SSN or TIN does not match the name of record, we will have to backup withholding taxes and you may be subject to a \$50 penalty by the IRS. A separate form should be used for each SSN/TIN. You must provide this information to be eligible for prize money. Also IRS regulations state that any prize money totaling \$600 or more in a calendar year must be reported on a Form 1099.

Exhibitor Signature:

By signing this form you are agreeing to the terms and conditions concerning social security numbers and all state fair rules and regulations.

MAIL FORM TO: NC State Fair Entry Office 1010 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1010

PAPER ENTRY FORMS ARE LIMITED TO 20 ENTRIES

Unlimited Online Entry at www.ncstatefair.org or <http://ncsfge.fairwire.com>

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15


Exhibitor Name: _____

Paper Entry forms are limited to 20 entries. Unlimited Online entry at: www.ncstatefair.org or <http://ncsfge.fairwire.com>

Division Number	Division Description <small>First three words as found in premium book</small>	Class Number	Class Description <small>First three words as found in premium book</small>

USE THIS GUIDE WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR NC SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM.


Note that items marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.

NC Office of the State Controller (IRS Form W-9 will not be accepted in lieu of this form) *Denotes a Required Field	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM Request for Taxpayer Identification Number	
Section 1 – Taxpayer Identification	*1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Identification Number (EIN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) *2. <i>Your Social Security Number Here</i> (PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER) *4. Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return): <i>Your Name Here</i> 5. Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Individual's NC Sub W-9 Sample Form</h2>
Contact Information		
*6. Legal Address (DO NOT TYPE OR WRITE IN THIS FIELD)	7. Remittance Address (Location specifically used for payment that is different from Legal Address, if applicable)	
*Address Line 1: <i>Your Street Address Here</i>	Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	Address Line 2:	
*City <i>City</i>	*State <i>State</i>	*Zip (9 digit) <i>Zip Code</i>
*County	County	
*8. Contact Name:	<i>Your Name - or your parent' or guardian's name</i>	
*9. Phone Number:	<i>Your Phone Number</i>	
10. Fax Number:		
11. Email Address:	<i>Your Email Address</i>	
*12. Entity Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietor/Single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	*13. Entity Classification <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Attorney Services <input type="checkbox"/> NC Local Govt <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Govt <input type="checkbox"/> NC State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Govt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <i>Contest Winner</i>	14. Exemptions (see instructions) Exempt payee code (if any): Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any):
Section 2 -Certification	Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined later in general instructions), and 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct. Certification instructions: Please refer to the IRS Form W-9 located on the IRS Website (https://www.irs.gov/):	
*Printed Name:	<i>Printed name</i>	*Printed Title: <i>Individual</i>
*Authorized U.S. Signature:	<i>Signature</i> <i>Parent or guardian can sign if necessary</i>	*Date: <i>Date</i>

You can digitally sign your NC Substitute W-9 form or manually sign a printed copy. Printed forms can be scanned and uploaded as a document.

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	*4. Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return): Association's Name Here		
	5. Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:		
	Contact Information		
	*6. Legal Address (DO NOT TYPE OR WRITE IN THIS FIELD)	7. Remittance Address (Location specifically used for payment that is different from Legal Address, if applicable)	
	*Address Line 1: Street Address Here	Address Line 1:	
	Address Line 2:	Address Line 2:	
	*City City *State State *Zip (9 digit) Zip Code	City State Zip (9 digit)	
	*County	County	
	*8. Contact Name:	Your Name	
	*9. Phone Number:	Your Phone Number	
10. Fax Number:			
11. Email Address:	Your Email Address		
*12. Entity Type <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietor/Single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Estate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Non-Profit Association <i>whatever status you are</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	*13. Entity Classification <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Attorney Services <input type="checkbox"/> NC Local Govt <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Govt <input type="checkbox"/> NC State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Govt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Contest Winner	14. Exemptions (see instructions) Exempt payee code (if any): Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any):	
Section 2 - Certification	Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:		
	1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined later in general instructions), and 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.		
	Certification instructions: Please refer to the IRS Form W-9 located on the IRS Website (https://www.irs.gov/):		
	*Printed Name: Printed name	*Printed Title: (your title - Club President, etc.)	
*Authorized U.S. Signature: Signature	* Date: Date		

You can digitally sign your NC Substitute W-9 form or manually sign a printed copy. Printed forms can be scanned and uploaded as a document.

NC Office of the
State Controller
(IRS Form W-9 will not be
accepted in lieu of this form)
***Denotes a Required Field**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number**



Section 1 – Taxpayer Identification

<p>*1. <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Identification Number (EIN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)</p> <p>*2.</p> <p align="center">(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)</p>	<p>Please select the appropriate Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN, SSN, or ITIN) type and enter your 9-digit ID number. The U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number is being requested per U.S. Tax Law. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner could prevent or delay payment to you or require The State of NC to withhold 24% for backup withholding tax.</p>
<p>*4. Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return):</p>	<p>3. Dunn & Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) (see instructions)</p>
<p>5. Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:</p>	<p>(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)</p>
Contact Information	
<p>*6. Legal Address (DO NOT TYPE OR WRITE IN THIS FIELD)</p>	<p>7. Remittance Address (Location specifically used for payment that is different from Legal Address, if applicable)</p>
<p>*Address Line 1:</p>	<p>Address Line 1:</p>
<p>Address Line 2:</p>	<p>Address Line 2:</p>
<p>*City *State *Zip (9 digit)</p>	<p>City State Zip (9 digit)</p>
<p>*County</p>	<p>County</p>
<p>*8. Contact Name:</p>	
<p>*9. Phone Number:</p>	
<p>10. Fax Number:</p>	
<p>11. Email Address:</p>	

<p align="center">*12. Entity Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietor/Single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p>	<p align="center">*13. Entity Classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Attorney Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NC Local Govt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Federal Govt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NC State Agency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Govt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)</p>	<p align="center">14. Exemptions (see instructions)</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any):</p> <hr/> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any):</p>
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Section 2 - Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined later in general instructions), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions: Please refer to the IRS Form W-9 located on the IRS Website (<https://www.irs.gov/>):

*Printed Name:	*Printed Title:
*Authorized U.S. Signature:	*Date:

Please complete the "Modification to Existing Vendor Records" section below if there have been any changes to the following: Tax Identification Number (TIN), Legal Name, Business Name, Remittance Address

Return to the NC State Agency from which you are requesting payment.

This form is to be completed by the vendor if one or more of the following have changed:

1. Change of remittance address.
2. Change of Social Security Number (SSN), or Employer Identification Number (EIN), or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
3. Change of Vendor Name.

Please complete the applicable sections below.

Section 1:

CHANGE FROM: Remittance Address	CHANGE TO: Remittance Address
*Address Line 1:	*Address Line 1:
Address Line 2:	Address Line 2:
*City *State *Zip (9 digit)	*City *State *Zip (9 digit)
*County	*County

NOTE: If you would like to receive your payments electronically, please complete the [Vendor Electronic Payment Form](#)

Section 2:

* CHANGE FROM: SSN, or EIN, or ITIN	* CHANGE TO: SSN, or EIN, or ITIN
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(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)

(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)

Section 3:

CHANGE FROM: Vendor Name	CHANGE TO: Vendor Name
*Legal Name:	*Legal Name:
Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:	Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:

*Printed Name:		*Printed Title:	
*Authorized U.S. Signature:		* Date:	

GENERAL FAIR RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

- Exhibitors are encouraged to make all entries early. The right is reserved to reject any entry.
- In most divisions, competition is limited to residents of North Carolina.
- All entries must be made in the name of the owner, breeder, manufacturer, grower, producer or one whose skill the exhibit represents. A firm, to be entitled to exhibit as such, must have been organized not less than 30 days prior to the closing date for entries and such firm must have been organized as a bona fide firm for the purpose of producing or buying and selling the articles or animals it proposes to exhibit in the name of such firm. A firm will be regarded as one exhibitor.
- Official printed forms or copies of forms must be used in making applications for entry. Be sure to fill out the application form completely, accurately and legibly.
- No article or animals will be entitled to exhibition space until proper entry has been made.
- Entry fees are required in some departments.
- Unclaimed exhibits from competitive departments will be considered abandoned if not called for within one week after the official closing of the Fair and may be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.
- All exhibits must be officially entered in the Fair on official entry forms provided for that purpose, before the closing date for entries in the department. No article or animal will be entitled to space or considered in the judging until proper entry has been made. Removal of exhibits before the date and time specified will be cause for forfeit of all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the Fair.
- All exhibits will be numbered and recorded in the books of the proper department and class and exhibit tag with corresponding numbers will be issued. This tag must be securely attached to the exhibit and must remain on the exhibit throughout the Fair.
- The State Fair assumes no responsibility for the incorrect tagging of exhibits.
- Entries may be shipped via UPS or Fed Ex (signature required) to:
NC State Fair Attn Entry Department 4285 Trinity Road Raleigh NC 27607
- The management will not be responsible for delayed shipments which arrive at the Fair too late to be considered in the judging. All reasonable care will be given to all exhibits; however, exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The Fair and staff are not responsible for damage or loss at any time.
- Division Directors and Department Superintendents will have full authority over allocation of space.
- If the claim check is lost, such loss should be reported promptly and it will be necessary for the exhibitor to furnish the Department Superintendent or Competitive Exhibits Coordinator proof of ownership of the article on exhibit.
- Exhibits entered in competitions which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned by the exhibitor and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.
- The Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Fair.
- Division Directors, Department Superintendents, and/or Judges must report disqualification of entries to the Manager of the State Fair immediately after such action is taken. Under no circumstances will judging be considered official and premiums paid in a class where disqualification is recommended until approval of the disqualification(s) is obtained from the fair manager.

- Decision of the judges will be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the Fair. Protests must be in writing and filed with the State Fair Manager within twenty four hours of the day following the award and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$5.00 which will be retained by the Fair if the protest is not sustained. The State Fair Manager will appoint a committee to consider the protest and all interested parties will be notified of the time of the hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions governing appeals will be those of the North Carolina State Fair.
- Entries made in wrong classes risk not being judged, and may be moved to the proper class by the Department Supervisor or Competitive Exhibits Coordinator with the permission of the exhibitor.
- Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any article or animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the State Fair Premium List.
- The NC State Fair is under no obligation to display every item entered.
- Premium checks will be mailed to all exhibitors no later than 60 days after the fair. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until January 31, 2024 after which time the books of the 2023 Fair are closed.
- Photographs of exhibits and winners will be taken by official photographers of the NC State Fair. Exhibitors hereby grant the NC State Fair permission to utilize photographs, images, or likenesses in whole or in part for use in official NC State Fair publications and promotions.
- The following colors of ribbons will be used to designate awards:

Grand Champion	Purple
Reserve Champion	Lavender
First Place	Blue
Second Place	Red
Third Place	White
Fourth Place	Pink
Fifth Place	Yellow
Sixth Place	Dark Green
Seventh Place	Light Green
Eighth Place	Tan
Ninth Place	Gray
Tenth Place and above	Light Blue