

Central Montana Fair, July 17-27, 2024

Department 2 - Horticulture

Laurie Bentley – Superintendent

For general fair information and rules, view online at: <https://cmtfair.com/general-info24>

Enter online at: <https://cmtfair.com/fairbook24>

Entry Delivery: Entries for this Department will be taken on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Please enter online prior to bringing exhibits to fairgrounds. Open Class entries compete with Booth entries. **Entry tags shall be filled out by the Superintendent or clerks only. No others will be accepted.**

Judging: Judging is not open to the public.

Department Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines: Each exhibitor shall be allowed to make entries in as many classes as the exhibitor wishes but will not be allowed to make more than one entry in any one class. Exhibitors will not be eligible for more than one money prize or award in any one class in these Departments. No two members of the same family may enter the same class number of any given division. Under the rule, an exhibitor is understood to be the owner or tenant of the farm or garden and that only one exhibit will be eligible for entry or competition from such farm or garden in any one class. Exhibits must be selected from the current year's crops, with the exception of seeds and grain sheaves, which may be from the crop harvested after the preceding year's Fair. Exhibits will be awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd place according to the merit of the exhibit. Only one first place will be awarded in any one class.

Novice Category: Please indicate if this is your first year competing in this Department.

Hints to the Exhibitor: For more information on fruits, please read the MSU Extension Office publication entitled Exhibiting Vegetables and Fruits. Note that amounts, size, and individual preparation of displays may differ. Use the information provided in the Central Montana Fair Book for display preparation. Condition, type and uniformity are three main things judges look for, and usually account for over 50% of the score.

CONDITION – includes the choice stage of maturity for intended use, tenderness or toughness, size, cleanliness, freedom from damage, preparation of the exhibit and freedom from defects caused by insects or diseases, etc.

SIZE – is important to the extent that the specimen should be large enough to be usable.

TYPE – includes trueness in shape to variety and degree of roughness or smoothness.

UNIFORMITY – includes the factors of consistency in type, color, size and quality. The stem length for displaying fruits will vary but is a must for many specimens. Be sure to follow instructions. If fruits are to be displayed effectively, they **MUST BE CLEAN**. This is very important.

We wish to send a big THANK YOU to the individuals and businesses that generously donated awards.

Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be awarded in each lot. Best of Division Rosettes will be awarded.

Alpine greenhouse and Nursery will award a \$25 Gift Certificate to the High Point Exhibitor in Horticulture Department, Divisions 1,2,3, and 4

Blue Jeans & Country Dreams

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Division 1 – Apples

Exhibit with stems

- Lot 01 Yellow Transparent Apples (6)
- 02 Large Apples (6), specify variety
- 03 Small Apples (6), specify variety
- 04 Whitney Crab Apples (10)
- 05 Red-Fleshed Crab Apples (10)
- 06 Any other Crab Apples (10)
- 07 Any other Apples - Specify Variety (6)

Division 2 – Plums

Stems should be left on.

- Lot 01 Any variety tame Plum (10)
- 02 Any variety wild Plum (10)

Division 3 – Cherries & Berries

- Lot 01 Cherries, ripe, specific variety, stems left on (12)
- 02 Red Currants (4 clusters on stems)
- 03 White Currants (4 clusters on stems)
- 04 Any other Currants (4 clusters on stems)
- 05 Gooseberries (1 cup)
- 06 Raspberries (1 cup with cap removed)
- 07 Strawberries, stems left on, (12)
- 08 Any other berries, specify variety
- 09 Chokecherries (4 clusters on stems)
- 10 Any other native Fruit (Service Berries, Buffalo Berries, 1 cup)
- 11 Sand Cherries (½ cup – do not need stems)

Division 4 – Pears & Other Fruits

- Lot 12 Pears (4)
- 13 Any other fruit (4)