

Grayson County, Virginia Agricultural Fair



General Competitions Entry Rules & Regulations

General Information & Rules

There is no entry fee for any competition entry and you DO NOT have to be a Grayson County resident to enter.

Non-perishable and perishable competition entries will be accepted the Wednesday BEFORE the Fair, from 3:00pm until 7:00pm. Judging will take place on Thursday morning and all items will be on display during the livestock competitions and fair.

Entries should be brought to Bottomley's Evergreens and Farm 10278 Elk Creek Pkwy, Elk Creek, VA 24326. A pre-registration entry form is available on line on the Grayson County Fair Website at <https://www.graysoncountyvafair.com> under **General Entries**. Exhibitors need to print and complete the form and turn in with their entries. Please print legibly. Pre-registration is not necessary in order to participate in the county fair but *is highly recommended*.

All products must be grown or made by the person submitting the entry within the current calendar year, unless otherwise specified in a category.

There are two Class Entry designations: "A" for Adults and "Y" for youth (17 years and younger).

Only one entry per competitor per class (no competing against yourself). All entries will be judged.

The Grayson County Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to entries.

All fruits and vegetables should be in their natural state, no waxing. Refer to ***Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables*** at <https://www.graysoncountyvafair.com> under the **General Entries** link.

Perishable products may be removed by the Competition Coordinators from display after judging if the product reaches a state of decomposition.

No entry will be judged unless it meets the class specifications with regard to quantity, quality and any additional requirements stated within the Department listing.

If only one entry is submitted in a category, a blue ribbon will be awarded if the judge(s) consider it representative of first place. If entry is considered unworthy of first place, the judge(s) will award appropriate placing provided entry is worthy. Judges reserve the right to withhold all prizes if no entries are considered worthy of class.

During the judging process, the public, including competitors, will not be allowed within the Exhibit Hall.

Prizes: **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** in each competition category as explained above.

No entries may be removed until release time. In the case of an extenuating circumstance a competitor must request early release from the Competition Coordinator.

It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up or dispose of their entries at the end of the fair (4 – 5pm Saturday or 2-4pm on Sunday). Any exhibits not picked up will be held for one week. After that time, all entries will be considered abandoned, and the fair will in no way be responsible for them. All perishable items will be disposed of.

Fruits, Vegetables and Other Produce

Division A

To properly display various fruits and vegetables, refer to Exhibiting Fruits & Vegetables, a publication from Kansas State University, in the Grayson County Agricultural Fair **General Entries** area of the website.

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME	QUANTITY
A1	001	Fruit	Fruit	Apples	4
A1	002	Fruit	Fruit	Blackberries	1 cup
A1	003	Fruit	Fruit	Blueberries	1 cup
A1	004	Fruit	Fruit	Cherries/Ground	1 cup
A1	005	Fruit	Fruit	Grapes	1 bunch
A1	006	Fruit	Fruit	Peaches	3
A1	007	Fruit	Fruit	Pears	3
A1	008	Fruit	Fruit	Plums	3
A1	009	Fruit	Fruit	Rhubarb/stalks	6
A1	010	Fruit	Melon	Cantaloupe	1
A1	011	Fruit	Melon	Other Melon	1
A1	012	Fruit	Melon	Watermelon/Large	1
A1	013	Fruit	Melon	Watermelon/Small	1
A1	014	Fruit	Pumpkin	Orange	1
A1	015	Fruit	Pumpkin	Largest	1
A1	016	Fruit	Pumpkin	Other	1
A1	017	Fruit	Gourd	Gourd, Edible	1
A2	001	Other	Eggs	Blue Chicken	6
A2	002	Other	Eggs	Brown Chicken	6
A2	003	Other	Eggs	White Chicken	6
A2	004	Other	Eggs	Duck	6
A2	005	Other	Eggs	Other Chicken	6
A3	001	Vegetable	Beans	Green Beans	8
A3	002	Vegetable	Beans	Shelled Beans	1 pint
A3	003	Vegetable	Beans	Other Beans	8
A3	004	Vegetable	Beets	w/3 inch leaf stem	6
A3	005	Vegetable	Carrots	w/3 inch leaf stem	6
A3	006	Vegetable	Collards	Collards	1 bunch
A3	007	Vegetable	Corn	Sweet Corn	3 ears
A3	008	Vegetable	Kohlrabi	w/3 inch stem	3
A3	009	Vegetable	Lettuce	Leaf	1 Plate
A3	010	Vegetable	Lettuce	Head	2
A3	011	Vegetable	Cucumbers	Pickling	3
A3	012	Vegetable	Cucumbers	Slicers	3
A3	013	Vegetable	Cucumbers	Other	3
A3	014	Vegetable	Cultivar Group	Cauliflower	1 bunch
A3	015	Vegetable	Cultivar Group	Broccoli	1 pint

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME	QUANTITY
A3	016	Vegetable	Cultivar Group	Brussel Sprouts	1 head
A3	017	Vegetable	Cultivar Group	Cabbage	1 head
A3	018	Vegetable	Eggplant	Italian Eggplant	1
A3	019	Vegetable	Eggplant	Other Eggplant	1
A3	020	Vegetable	Garlic	Garlic	1 bulb
A3	021	Vegetable	Garlic	Elephant Garlic	1 bulb
A3	022	Vegetable	Mushroom	Any Variety	4
A3	023	Vegetable	Onions	Green	6
A3	024	Vegetable	Onions	Red	4
A3	025	Vegetable	Onions	White	4
A3	026	Vegetable	Onions	Yellow	4
A3	027	Vegetable	Okra	Okra	6
A3	028	Vegetable	Peas	Edible Shell	8
A3	029	Vegetable	Peas	Garden Shelled	1 pint
A3	030	Vegetable	Peas	Field Peas	1 Pint
A3	031	Vegetable	Peppers	Jalapeno	6
A3	032	Vegetable	Peppers	Other Hot	6
A3	033	Vegetable	Peppers	Bell	3
A3	034	Vegetable	Peppers	Specialty	3
A3	035	Vegetable	Potato	Red	4
A3	036	Vegetable	Potato	Fingerling	4
A3	037	Vegetable	Potato	Sweet Potato	4
A3	038	Vegetable	Potato	White	4
A3	039	Vegetable	Potato	Yukon Gold	4
A3	040	Vegetable	Potato	Other Potato	4
A3	041	Vegetable	Root	Kale	1 bunch
A3	042	Vegetable	Root	Mustard	1 Bunch
A3	043	Vegetable	Root	Parsnips	3
A3	044	Vegetable	Root	Radish	6
A3	045	Vegetable	Root	Hanovers or Rutabaga	1
A3	046	Vegetable	Root	Turnips	4
A3	047	Vegetable	Squash	Hubbard	1
A3	048	Vegetable	Squash	Other Winter Squash	1
A3	049	Vegetable	Squash	Yellow	2
A3	050	Vegetable	Squash	Zucchini	2
A3	051	Vegetable	Squash	Other Summer Squash	2
A3	052	Vegetable	Swiss Chard	Swiss Chard	1 bunch
A3	053	Vegetable	Tomato	Heirloom	4
A3	054	Vegetable	Tomato	Yellow tomato	4
A3	055	Vegetable	Tomato	Black tomato	4
A3	056	Vegetable	Tomato	Slicers	4
A3	057	Vegetable	Tomato	Tomatillo	4
A3	058	Vegetable	Tomato	Largest	4
A3	059	Vegetable	Tomato	Paste	4
A3	060	Vegetable	Tomato	Small/Cherry	1 Bunch

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME	QUANTITY
A3	061	Vegetable	Herbs	Herbs (dill, parsley etc.)	1 Bunch
A3	062	Vegetable	Misc. Vegetable	Misc. Vegetable	N/A

Field Crops

Division B

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME	QUANTITY
B1	001	Field Crops	Grain	Sorghum Cane	1 qt. jar
B2	001	Field Crops	Hay	Grass Hay	12" cube from center of bale
B2	002	Field Crops	Hay	Legume Hay	
B2	003	Field Crops	Hay	Grass/Legume Hay	
B3	001	Field Crops	Field Crops/Silage	Corn	½ gallon jar
B3	002	Field Crops	Field Crops/Silage	Tallest Field Corn Stalk	1 stalk
B3	003	Field Crops	Field Crops/Silage	Largest Field Corn ear	1 ear
B3	004	Field Crops	Field Crops/Silage	Best Field Corn ear	3 ears – not dried
B3	005	Field Crops	Field Crops/Silage	Hemp-buds	Jar of 3
B4	001	Field Crops	Tobacco	Tobacco	1 stalk/5 leaves

Flowers and Plants

Division C

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME	QUANTITY
C1	001	Flower Arrangements	Best Arrangement	Dried Flowers	Unlimited
C1	002	Flower Arrangements	Best Arrangement	Mixed Flowers	Unlimited
C1	003	Flower Arrangements	Best Arrangement	One Color	Unlimited
C1	004	Flower Arrangements	Best Arrangement	Sunflower	Unlimited
C1	005	Flower Arrangements	Best Arrangement	Roses	Unlimited
C1	006	Flower Arrangements	Best Arrangement	Zinnia	Unlimited
C1	007	Flower Arrangements	Best Greenery	Greenery	Unlimited
C2	001	Cut Flowers	Flowers/Plants	Dahlia	1 Stem
C2	002	Cut Flowers	Flowers/Plants	Zinnia	1 Stem
C2	003	Cut Flowers	Flowers/Plants	Other	1 Stem
C2	004	Cut Flowers	Flowers/Plants	Rose	1 Stem
C2	005	Cut Flowers	Flowers/Plants	Sunflower	1 Stem
C2	006	Cut Flowers	Flowers/Plants	Sunflower Head	1 head
C3	001	Ornamental	Gourd	Gourd - Decorative	3
C3	002	Ornamental	Ornamental Corn	Ornamental Corn	3 Ears
C4	001	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Blooming African Violet	1 Pot
C4	002	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Other Blooming	1 Pot
C4	003	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Cacti	1 Pot
C4	004	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Fern	1 Pot
C4	005	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Other Greenery	1 Pot
C4	006	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Hanging Basket	1 Pot
C4	007	Potted	Flowers/Plants	Other	1 Pot

Food Preservation

Division D

To be eligible for judging, entries must be in clear, regulation canning jars with a two-piece vacuum seal lid.

No paraffin wax may be used. No food coloring allowed. Entries should be made based on a safe, scientifically approved recipe source. Processing method or procedure, processing time, pressure (if applicable), and recipe source should be indicated on the entry form. Entries will be judged on appearance, texture, and container. Product must have been canned or preserved within the last 12 months by the entrant.

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME
D1	001	Food Preservation	Fruit	Apple butter
D1	002	Food Preservation	Fruit	Applesauce
D1	003	Food Preservation	Fruit	Grape Juice
D1	004	Food Preservation	Fruit	Pie Filling
D1	005	Food Preservation	Fruit	Peaches
D1	006	Food Preservation	Fruit	Pears
D1	007	Food Preservation	Fruit	Pumpkin
D1	008	Food Preservation	Fruit	Berry Fruit
D1	009	Food Preservation	Fruit	Rhubarb
D2	001	Food Preservation	Jams and Preserves	Strawberry
D2	002	Food Preservation	Jams and Preserves	Blueberry
D2	003	Food Preservation	Jams and Preserves	Cane berries (raspberry, blackberry, wineberry)
D2	004	Food Preservation	Jams and Preserves	Other Jam
D2	005	Food Preservation	Jams and Preserves	Unusual Jam
D3	001	Food Preservation	Jellies	Strawberry
D3	002	Food Preservation	Jellies	Blueberry
D3	003	Food Preservation	Jellies	Cane berry (raspberry, blackberry, wineberry)
D3	004	Food Preservation	Jellies	Pepper
D3	005	Food Preservation	Jellies	Other Jelly
D3	006	Food Preservation	Jellies	Unusual Jelly
D4	001	Food Preservation	Other	Dried Fruit (any type)
D4	002	Food Preservation	Other	Dried Meat/Jerky (any type)
D4	003	Food Preservation	Other	Dried Vegetables (any type)
D4	004	Food Preservation	Other	Freeze Dried Fruit (any)
D4	005	Food Preservation	Other	Freeze Dried Vegetable (any)
D4	006	Food Preservation	Other	Freeze Dried Other (any)
D4	007	Food Preservation	Other	Salsa
D4	008	Food Preservation	Other	Sauce - BBQ
D4	009	Food Preservation	Other	Sauce - Spaghetti
D4	010	Food Preservation	Other	Sauce - Tomato
D4	011	Food Preservation	Other	Soup (any type)

D4	012	Food Preservation	Other	Unusual Preserved Item
D5	001	Food Preservation	Pickles	Beet Pickles
D5	002	Food Preservation	Pickles	Eggs/Pickled
D5	003	Food Preservation	Pickles	Dill Pickles
D5	004	Food Preservation	Pickles	Sweet/Bread & Butter Pickles
D5	005	Food Preservation	Pickles	Beans- Dilly
D5	006	Food Preservation	Pickles	Unusual Pickles
D6	001	Food Preservation	Relish	Chow Chow
D6	002	Food Preservation	Relish	Chutney
D6	003	Food Preservation	Relish	Other
D7	001	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Beans - Green String
D7	002	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Beans - Shelled
D7	003	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Beets
D7	004	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Carrots
D7	005	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Corn
D7	006	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Peas
D7	007	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Potatoes
D7	008	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Sauerkraut
D7	009	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Tomato Juice
D7	010	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Tomatoes - Stewed/Chopped
D7	011	Food Preservation	Vegetables	Other Veggies

Food Preparation

Division E

Competitors must have food on a disposable plate and in zipper type plastic bags, except for decorated cakes. Larger items that do not fit in plastic bags must be easy to open. All baked entries will be judged according to appearance, flavor and texture. Decorated cakes and decorated cupcakes will be judged on appearance alone and will not be cut or tasted, so that forms may be used. All food must have been prepared by the person submitting the entry.

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME	QUANTITY
E1	001	Food Prep.	Bread	Biscuits	Plate of 3
E1	002	Food Prep.	Bread	Muffins	Plate of 3
E1	003	Food Prep.	Bread	Quick Bread	Whole
E1	004	Food Prep.	Bread	Yeast Bread	Whole
E1	005	Food Prep.	Bread	Yeast Roll	Plate of 3
E2	001	Food Prep.	Brownies	Brownies	Plate of 3
E3	001	Food Prep.	Cake	Pound Cake	Whole
E3	002	Food Prep.	Cake	Layer Cake	Whole
E3	003	Food Prep.	Cake	Decorated Cake	Whole
E3	004	Food Prep.	Cake	Decorated Cupcakes	Plate of 3
E4	001	Food Prep.	Candy	Fudge	Plate of 3
E4	002	Food Prep.	Candy	Hard Candy	Plate of 3
E5	001	Food Prep.	Cookies	Cookies	Plate of 3
E6	001	Food Prep.	Pie	2-crust Pie	Whole
E6	002	Food Prep.	Pie	Custard Pie	Whole

People's Choice Quilt Show

Division F

Quilts will be judged as a single category. There will be separate adult and youth categories. In order to increase the number of quilts exhibited, quilts DO NOT have to be completed in the current year. In addition, quilts will be judged by People's Choice. Please be sure to vote! Voting will close Saturday at 1pm. Prizes will be awarded immediately following. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes awarded for both adult and youth categories.

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME
F1	001	Adult Quilts		All Quilts
F1	001B	Youth Quilts		All Quilts

Arts & Crafts

Division G

Articles entered must be the work of the person who is entering and must have been made or completed within the last year. Entries are judged on design, appearance, color, workmanship, and suitability of materials. Well-known characters such as Batman, Snoopy, etc. may not be used due to copyright restrictions.

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME
G1	001	Art Work		Youth Artwork Poster Contest
G1	002	Art Work		Acrylic on canvas
G1	003	Art Work		Acrylic on any surface
G1	004	Art Work		Barn quilt
G1	005	Art Work		3-D Art (ceramics, pottery, sculpture)
G1	006	Art Work		Oil on Canvas
G1	007	Art Work		Sketch (pencil, charcoal, pastel, pen-ink, colored pencil)
G1	008	Art Work		Stained Glass
G1	009	Art Work		Water Color
G2	001	Crafts		Baskets (hand woven)
G2	002	Crafts		Legos
G2	003	Crafts		Birdhouse (any)
G2	004	Crafts		Holiday Decoration (any style/type)
G2	005	Crafts		Jewelry (any)
G2	006	Crafts		Leather Craft (any)
G2	007	Crafts		Multimedia (any)
G2	008	Crafts		Scrapbooking (any)
G2	009	Crafts		Weaving (any)
G2	010	Crafts		Woodworking (any)
G2	011	Crafts		Other Crafts
G3	001	Needle Arts	Cross-stitch	Counted Cross-stitch
G3	002	Needle Arts	Cross-stitch	Stamped Cross-stitch
G3	003	Needle Arts	Embroidery	Embroidery (Any Item)
G3	004	Needle Arts	Needlepoint	Needlepoint (any item)
G3	005	Needle Arts	Sewing	Sewing (adult clothing)
G3	006	Needle Arts	Sewing	Sewing (baby/child clothing)
G3	007	Needle Arts	Sewing	Sewing (other)
G3	008	Needle Arts	Crochet	Afghan (full size)
G3	009	Needle Arts	Crochet	Afghan (baby)
G3	010	Needle Arts	Crochet	Baby Clothing
G3	011	Needle Arts	Crochet	Other
G3	012	Needle Arts	Knitted	Afghan (full size)
G3	013	Needle Arts	Knitted	Afghan (baby)
G3	014	Needle Arts	Knitted	Baby Clothing

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME
G3	015	Needle Arts	Knitted	Other
G3	016	Needle Arts	Felting	Clothing
G3	017	Needle Arts	Felting	Other
G3	018	Needle Arts	Other	Other

Photography

Division H

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME
H1	001	Photography		Wildlife
H1	002	Photography		Black & White (Open subject)
H1	003	Photography		Landscape/Scenic
H1	004	Photography		People/Portrait
H1	005	Photography		Macro (Close up)
H1	006	Photography		Open subject
H1	007	Photography		Water (Streams, Lakes, Rain, etc.)
H1	008	Photography		Pets/Domestic animals
H1	009	Photography		People at play/Sports
H1	010	Photography		2025 Grayson Co Fair
H1	011	Photography		Agricultural/Farms/Farming
H1	012	Photography		Century Farms

Photography Rules

Articles must be the work of the person whose name they entered.

All photographs must be taken from August 2025 to August 2026.

Entries are judged on appearance, composition, tone, balance, clarity, contrast, and suitability to category entered. Color photos will be judged on range of tones or contrast.

Only one entry per competitor per category.

Photos must be 8 x 10's only or 8 ½ x 11 photo paper. No decorative borders, no frames.

*** Photos should be securely mounted on 11 x 14 black foam core BEFORE they are entered. These will be available at the Grayson County Extension office (or at entry registration).**

Youth may enter the Adult categories, but will be judged as Adult.

Black and White photographs can be entered into any category.

Honey

Division I

DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION NAME	SUB-CLASS	CLASS NAME
I1	001	Honey		Best Jar, light honey
I1	002	Honey		Best Jar, amber honey
I1	003	Honey		Best Jar, dark honey

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