

Department 109 - Ag. Products

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Ag. Products Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
First Show	Thursday - 7/16 - 8am-12pm	Thursday - 7/16	Monday- 7/20 7-9pm
Second Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 8-11am	Tuesday - 7/21	Saturday - 7/25 - 10am-2pm

Deadline for entries July 6, 2026. Open class crops and gardens are shown in the Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center. There are two shows, beginning Friday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 21, to ensure fresh displays.

ENTRY FEE: None

WHO MAY ENTER:

- Any North Dakota resident — farmer, gardener or seed grower may be an exhibitor, but no person shall be permitted to enter more than one exhibit in any one class, nor shall members of the same family living on the same farm or household be permitted to compete in the same class. Exhibits must have been raised and owned by the person entering them.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on ndstatefair.com.
 - Variety should be listed with the name of each sample.** A gate pass for an auto, driver and one passenger, good for the necessary times and dates of entry and change-over only, will be provided. Abuse of this pass will result in discontinuation. Entries must be received by entry deadline to qualify for this pass. The any other crop/produce class in various sections is included to make provision for exhibiting other named crop/produce which are less commonly grown. All crop/produce in a given class competes with each other for places but will be judged on the basis of individual merit with respect to the particular crop/produce.

DROPPING OFF:

- Exhibits may be mailed to the ND State Fair or brought to the 4-H Hall. The Fair management is not bound to take entries made after noon Thursday, July 16 for the first show and after 11am on Tuesday, July 21 for the second show. See special information governing show period for vegetables and garden produce.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- At judging ribbons will be attached, except the special information governing the second show period for vegetables and garden produce. Instructions on size of exhibits are given under each division. Follow these closely; exhibits of less than the required amount will not be considered for premiums. Treating entries with oil chemicals or processing in any way injurious to the exhibit is not permitted. The judges are instructed not to award premiums to entries unfit for the show or those incorrectly named.
 - This a Produce Show:** only high quality material should be exhibited. The show management reserves the right to reject any exhibits which are determined undesirable. 4-H and FFA Pure Seed members should make duplicate exhibits if they wish to enter open class.
 - Return of samples:** Exhibits may be picked up between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the last day of each show. After 9 p.m., they will be disposed of. Exhibits will be returned to the exhibitor at exhibitor's own expense if request is made before the close of the show.
 - The Fair reserves the right to color any sample. This will not injure the growing qualities of the sample, but is a precedent followed by all leading Fairs in the country. The show management will exercise reasonable precaution with all items but will not be responsible for loss of or mixture of samples. All exhibits must remain in place for each show as specified. Ribbons must remain on the exhibits during the entire show. All exhibits will become the property of the Fair unless claimed by 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25.
- Blue ribbon winners of the First Show or members of the same farm or household may not re-enter that a same class for the Second Show. Exhibitors are required to collect their own containers at the end of each show period in which they have exhibited.

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026

DIVISION A - GRAIN & FORAGE BUNDLES

To make small grain, grasses, and millet sheaves entered for seed production: Select uniform high quality plants. Spread the grain plants out in a sheltered area and allow to dry for one day. Strip off all leaves, taking care not to break the straw in handling. Form a core of 30 to 40 stems, then place the other stems around the core to form a sheaf 7-9 inches in circumference (around) at a point halfway between the heads and the butt. Tie the bundle firmly in three places, using cord which will not cut the straw. Form the crown (heads) in a rounded shape by moving the core up and down. Cut off the butt squarely and hang the sheaf with heads down until exhibited.

To make alfalfa and sweet clover sheaves entered for seed production: Use same guidelines as for forage production; select stalks showing maximum seed development.

To make a sunflower sheaf: The entire plant should be shown with the leaves removed.

Seed Production Sheaf

Premiums: \$17.00 • \$15.00 • \$13.50

CLASS

1. Any hard red spring wheat
2. Any Durum Wheat
3. Safflower
4. Any barley variety
5. Any oat variety
6. Any flax variety
7. Any rye variety
8. Millet for seed
9. Sweet clover for seed
10. Alfalfa for seed
11. Bromus for seed
12. Crested wheat grass for seed
13. Sunflower, 6 stalks
14. Canola
15. Any other crop seed

To make a forage sheaf: Select the leafiest types to be found in the field and cut close to the ground. Do not strip a single leaf or branchlet from the stem as forage should retain its color and leaves. In making up show bundles, select those individual stems that have retained the most and best leaves with their color. Make bundles from 3 to 5 inches in diameter (across) or 9.4 to 11 inches in circumference (around) tied securely once at a point 1/3 from the base, and tied a second time loosely once about halfway up to prevent spreading. Sheaves measuring under 9.4 inches in circumference will be disqualified. Corn, Sudan, Sorghum and Millet sheaves shall be tied three times at uniform spacing.

Forage Production Sheaf

Premiums: \$17.00 • \$15.00 • \$13.50

CLASS

16. Crested wheat grass forage
17. Sudan grass forage
18. Corn forage, 6 stalks
19. Bromus forage
20. Alfalfa forage
21. Sweet clover forage
22. Sorghum forage
23. Millet forage
24. Any other variety forage

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on behalf of the North Dakota Wheat Producers and in recognition of outstanding wheat sample preparation, North Dakota Wheat Commission offers the following additional premiums for wheat and durum exhibits:



1st - \$40 2nd - \$30 3rd - \$25

DIVISION B - FIELD CROPS & GRAINS

Grains, grasses, corn and legume exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor in the State of North Dakota in 2025 and 2026. Minimum requirements - grains, grasses, legumes or flax - one quart, corn - six ears. Variety name must be listed on classes 1-7.

Premiums: \$17.00 • \$15.00 • \$13.50

CLASS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any variety of HRS wheat 2. Any variety of durum wheat 3. Any variety of flax 4. Malting barley 5. Feed barley 6. Any variety oats 7. Any variety rye 8. Alfalfa 9. Sweet clover 10. Brome grass 11. Field corn (6 ears, husks removed) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Yellow mustard 13. Crested wheat grass 14. Other garden or field beans 15. Pinto beans 16. Navy beans 17. Winter wheat 18. Millet | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Sunflower (oil variety) 20. Sunflower (confectionery variety) 21. Field corn (shelled) 22. Any variety of soybean 23. Safflower 24. Canola 25. Any other crop |
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DIVISION C & D - VEGETABLES & FRUIT PRODUCE

- Vegetables must have been grown by the exhibitor in North Dakota in 2026. Exhibits must consist of that part of the plant commonly used for human consumption.
- An auto and one passenger pass, good for the necessary times and dates of entry and change-over only, will be provided for this year's Fair. Abuse of this pass will result in discontinuation for 2026. The gate at the NW end of the Fairgrounds and the door at the NW corner of the Theater shall be unlocked and manned for your delivery and pick-up convenience.
- There will be two show periods for this division

DIVISION C - VEGETABLES

Vegetables will be judged on the following criteria: uniformity, maturity, correct number and preparation, full size, good color and shape, firm, free of damage by insects, disease or mechanical injury.

Beans: Exhibit 12 pods with calyx (stem).

Beets: May wash, tops one to one and one-half inches long, leave tap root. Exhibit six beets.

Broccoli: Over three inch head diameter, remove all leaves, head and stock six to eight inches long. Exhibit one head.

Cabbage: Do not peel excessively, leave layers of sound green outer leaves, but loose leaves should be removed. Trim root smooth with the base of the leaves. Exhibit one head.

Carrots: Top one to one and one-half inches long, may wash and leave tap root. Exhibit six carrots.

Cauliflower: Trim leaves even with outer edge of head, remove older leaves, cut stem 1" below base of the head. Exhibit one head.

Celery: Trim leaves uniformly, cut roots even with stock. Exhibit one plant.

Cucumbers: Wipe clean, leave half inch stem.

Dill: Trim to a four inch stem. Exhibit six, seed bearing heads tied together at 1" from the base.

Eggplant: One inch of stem attached. Exhibit one specimen.

Garlic: One inch stem, trim root to one inch of bulb. Exhibit six garlic.

Kohlrabi: Cut root off at base. Cut off all leaves to within approximately one and one half inches of the bulb. Exhibit three kohlrabi.

Lettuce (head): Trim older outer leaves, remove root. Exhibit one plant

Muskmelons: Stems removed, exhibit one melon.

Onions (red, yellow, and white): Remove all dead layers of skin, clean but do not wash, leave one to one and one-half inch stem; however, do not injure bulb, trim root to 1/4 inch. Exhibit six onions.

Onions (green): Remove outer covering on bulb, trim tops so overall length is six to eight inches, trim root 3/4 inch of bulb. Exhibit six onions.

Parsnips: Cut tops one to one and one-half inches, leave tap root. Exhibit three parsnips.

Peas: 12 pods with calyx (stem).

Peppers: Leave one-half to one inch stem. Exhibit three peppers.

Potatoes (red, white or russet): Brush or wipe off with soft cloth, can be washed but do not scrub. Exhibit six potatoes.

Radishes (globe or icicle): Leave one-half inch top growth and tap root. Exhibit six radishes.

Rhubarb: Trim so two inches of leaf blade remains attached to stalks, do not remove ends. Tie six stalks at each end and center. Exhibit one bunch.

Rutabaga: Cut tops to one to one and one-half inches, leave tap root. Exhibit three rutabagas.

Squash, other: Normal harvest size, leave stem, exhibit one.

Summer Squash: Zucchini type, maximum eight inches long, leave stem. Exhibit three.

Sweet Corn: Do not remove husks, trim silk to within one inch of top of husk, shank one to two inches long. Exhibit three ears.

Swiss Chard: Use three plants, trim older outer leaves, leave root, wrap root in wet paper and cover with plastic.

Tomatoes: Remove stems. Exhibit six larger fruits or 12 cherry types.

Turnips: Cut tops one to one and one-half inches, leave tap root. Exhibit three turnips.

Watermelon: One to one and one-half inch stem, exhibit one melon.

DIVISION D - FRUITS

All fruits shown must be raised by the exhibitor in North Dakota and proof of the same may be required.

All fruit classes: remove stems except strawberries. Grapes should be displayed in clusters.



Division C - Vegetables

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

1st Show Class

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2nd Show Class

- 101. Beans - green pods 12 pods
- 102. Beans - wax pods 12 pods
- 103. Beets - 6 beets
- 104. Broccoli - 1 head
- 105. Cabbage - 1 head
- 106. Carrots - table 6 carrots
- 107. Cauliflower - 1 head
- 108. Celery - 1 plant
- 109. Cucumbers, slicing - 3 cucumbers
- 110. Cucumbers, pickling - 3 cucumbers
- 111. Dill - 6 seed heads
- 112. Eggplant - 1 specimen
- 113. Garlic - 6 bulbs
- 114. Kohlrabi - 3 bulbs
- 115. Lettuce, head - 1 head
- 116. Muskmelons - 1 melon
- 117. Onions, green - 6 onions
- 118. Onions, red - 6 onions
- 119. Onions, white - 6 onions
- 120. Onions, yellow - 6 onions

1st Show Class

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2nd Show Class

- 121. Parsnips - 3 roots
- 122. Peas, green pods - 12 pods
- 123. Peas, edible pods - 12 pods
- 124. Peppers, bell - 3 peppers
- 125. Peppers, others - 3 peppers
- 126. Potatoes, red - 6 potatoes
- 127. Potatoes, russet - 6 potatoes
- 128. Potatoes, white - 6 potatoes
- 129. Radish, globe - 6 radishes
- 130. Radish, icicle - 6 radishes
- 131. Rhubarb - 6 stalks
- 132. Rutabaga - 3 roots
- 133. Squash, summer - 3 squash
- 134. Squash, other - 1 squash
- 135. Sweet Corn - 3 ears
- 136. Swiss Chard - 3 plants
- 137. Tomatoes - 6 large
- 138. Tomatoes - 12 cherry
- 139. Turnips - 3 root
- 140. Watermelons - 1 melon
- 141. Any other Vegetable Reasonable amount
- 142. Theme Class- (See Static Information Page)

Division D - Fruits

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

1st Show Class

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2nd Show Class

- 101. Apples - 6 fruits
- 102. Cherries (all varieties) - 1 pint
- 103. Choke Cherries - 1 pint
- 104. Crabapples - 12 fruits
- 105. Gooseberries - 1 pint

1st Show Class

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2nd Show Class

- 106. Juneberries - 1 pint
- 107. Plums - 12 fruits
- 108. Raspberries - 1 pint
- 109. Strawberries - 1 pint
- 110. Any other Fruit - Similar size as fruit above
- 111. Theme Class- (See Static Information Page)

