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Department A

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FAIRGROUNDS ENTRY ONLY – Farm Exhibits

1st entry: Wednesday, August 26, noon - 9:00 p.m.

2nd entry: Wednesday, September 2, noon - 9:00 p.m.

Enter only once per class and conform to instructions. Refer to “**Judging Criteria**” and “**Definitions**” for guidelines. Judging is on market quality. All entries, except in Divisions 14 & 15 become the Fair’s property.

All divisions are open to all ages. Age consideration for Juniors (ages 17 and under) is given only in Divisions 03, 04, 05, 11, 15, 16 & 17. Junior age must be stated on entry form.

Judging Criteria:

Division 01-09, 11-15: Quality, clean, undamaged, uniformity, size, trueness to type and color.

Regular Premiums:

- 1st \$6.00
- 2nd \$3.00
- 3rd \$2.00

Special Premiums:

Division 10 Class 05 or 06 (over 50 lbs.), Division 14 & 15 only

- 1st \$80.00
- 2nd \$40.00
- 3rd \$25.00

Definitions:

Bunch: Tied market bunch, 1-2” in diameter for radishes and greens, 3-4” for broccoli.

Topped: Removed evenly to within 1/2”.

Trimmed: Roots and/or stems pared and cut to reasonable length.

Cleaned: No visible soil on leaves, stems or roots.

Wrapper leaves: Leaves closest to head with a curled edge.

With Stems: Neatly trimmed to 1”, unless stated otherwise.

DIVISION 01: HERBS

Display in bunches of 1/2” diameter base and up to 20” tall (fennel to 30”). Herbs are judged on fragrance, correct variety names, and above criteria.

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| Class: | 01 | Applemint |
| | 02 | Basil |
| | 03 | Borage |
| | 04 | Catnip |
| | 05 | Chervil |
| | 06 | Chives |
| | 07 | Cilantro |
| | 08 | Comfrey |
| | 09 | Coriander |
| | 10 | Dill |
| | 11 | Fennel |
| | 12 | Garlic, 5 bulbs, roots trimmed, 1” stems |
| | 13 | Lavender |
| | 14 | Lemon Balm |
| | 15 | Lovage |
| | 16 | Marjoram, Sweet |
| | 17 | Mint, Chocolate |
| | 18 | Mint, Variegated |
| | 19 | Mint, Other |
| | 20 | Oregano |
| | 21 | Parsley, Curled Leaf |
| | 22 | Parsley, Flat Leaf |
| | 23 | Peppermint |
| | 24 | Rosemary |
| | 25 | Sage, Garden |
| | 26 | Sage, Pineapple |
| | 27 | Sage, Variegated |
| | 28 | Savory, Summer |
| | 29 | Spearmint |
| | 30 | Tansy |
| | 31 | Tarragon, French |
| | 32 | Thyme, Common |
| | 33 | Thyme, Lemon |
| | 34 | Thyme, Other |
| | 35 | Collection, 5 to 8 cut specimens, your choice |
| | 36 | Herbal Window Box (minimum of 5 related herbs growing in one container, maximum length 36” i.e. tea, culinary, aromatic, Italian garden) |
| | 37 | Other |

DIVISION 02: COLLECTIONS

5 or more varieties. **Variety names are required.**

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| Class: | 01 | Greenhouse grown vegetables |
| | 02 | Outdoor grown vegetables |

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DIVISION 03: WILD BERRIES

For Junior consideration -- indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form.

1/2 pint (1 cup), submit foliage sample. **NO stems except when otherwise specified.**

| | | |
|--------|----|--|
| Class: | 01 | Blueberry, <i>Vaccinium</i> species |
| | 02 | Cranberry, Low-bush or Lingonberry, <i>Vaccinium vitis idaea</i> |
| | 03 | Cranberry, High-bush, <i>Viburnum edule</i> |
| | 04 | Crowberry, <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> |
| | 05 | Currant, black, <i>Ribes</i> species, 10 clusters |
| | 06 | Currant, red, <i>Ribes triste</i> , 10 clusters |
| | 07 | Raspberry, <i>Rubus idaeus</i> |
| | 08 | Rosehip, <i>Rosa acicularis</i> , sepals attached |
| | 09 | Salmonberry, <i>Rubus spectabilis</i> |
| | 10 | Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier</i> species |
| | 11 | Watermelon berry, <i>Streptopus amplexifolius</i> |
| | 12 | Bog Cranberry, <i>Oxycoccus microcarpus</i> |
| | 13 | Other |

DIVISION 04: CULTIVATED BERRIES

For Junior consideration -- indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form.

1/2 pint (1 cup), submit foliage sample. **NO stems except when otherwise specified.**

| | | |
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| Class: | 01 | Currant, Black, 10 clusters |
| | 02 | Currant, Red, 10 clusters |
| | 03 | Currant, White, 10 clusters |
| | 04 | Gooseberry, with stems |
| | 05 | Raspberry, Red |
| | 06 | Raspberry, Yellow |
| | 07 | Rosehip, sepals attached |
| | 08 | Strawberry, sepals attached |
| | 09 | Collection 5 or more varieties |
| | 10 | Other |

DIVISION 05: WILDLIFE VALUE & POISONOUS BERRIES

For Junior consideration -- indicate sub-category J and state age on entry form.

1/2 pint (1 cup), submit foliage sample. **NO stems except when otherwise specified.**

| | | |
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| Class: | 01 | Baneberry, <i>Actaea rubra</i> |
| | 02 | Dogwood, ground, <i>Cornus canadensis</i> |
| | 03 | Dogwood, red twig, <i>Cornus stolonifera</i> |
| | 04 | Elderberry, <i>Sambucus racemosa</i> |
| | 05 | False Solomon's Seal, <i>Smilacina stellata</i> |
| | 06 | Kinnikinnick, <i>uva-ursi</i> |
| | 07 | Silver, <i>Elaeagnus commutata</i> |
| | 08 | Other |

DIVISION 06: POISONOUS & EDIBLE WILD MUSHROOMS

Enter only one species per class; include any number of examples. Submit your entry in a sturdy, leak-proof container made of wood, plastic or metal, not cardboard. Your container should not be much larger than one square foot in size, for fairness. Your mushrooms must be fresh and sound. Rotten mushrooms will not be accepted and cannot be judged.

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| Class: | 01 | Gilled mushrooms: all species including <i>Lenzites</i> and <i>Cantherellus</i> |
| | 02 | Cups, morels, false morels and their relatives: <i>Peziza</i> , <i>Gyromitra</i> , <i>Helvella</i> , <i>Morchella</i> , etc. |
| | 03 | Fleshy annual mushrooms with tubes or pores: <i>Boletus</i> , <i>Leccinum</i> , <i>Tyloporus</i> , <i>Suillus</i> , etc. |
| | 04 | Tough conk or shelf mushrooms with pores: <i>Fomes</i> , <i>Phellinus</i> , <i>Piptoporus</i> , <i>Laetiporus</i> , <i>Inonotus</i> , etc. |
| | 05 | Mushrooms with teeth or spines: <i>Hericium</i> , <i>Hydnum</i> , <i>Hydnellum</i> , <i>Pseudohydnum</i> , etc. |
| | 06 | Club and coral mushrooms: <i>Clavaria</i> , <i>Clavariadelphus</i> , <i>Ramaria</i> , <i>Sparassis</i> , etc. |
| | 07 | Puffballs and their relatives: <i>Lycoperdon</i> , <i>Bovista</i> , <i>Calvatia</i> , <i>Geastrum</i> , etc. |
| | 08 | Collections of 5 or more species |
| | 09 | Other |

Tips on how to make your entry competitive:

Include some of the original substrate where it grew.

Include a brief write-up on a 3 x 5 card, describing common or "folk" name if known, habitat and substrate where found, interesting facts and uses, including edibility if known.

Extra points: a spore print

Extra points: correctly name the scientific genus and species

Extra points: admit you don't know the name; wild guesses cost points

DIVISION 07: OUTDOOR GROWN TREE, SHRUB & VINE FRUIT

Submit all with stems and sample of foliage. Class 01 - 07 must enter the same variety. Class 12 must be named varieties and can be all apples or any combination of apples & fruits. Apricots, Kiwi, Pears and Plums should be entered in Class 13.

| | | |
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| Class: | 01 | Crabapple, under 1", no debris, 10 |
| | 02 | Apple crab, 1" - 2", no debris, i.e. Rescue, 5 |
| | 03 | Norland apple, no debris, 5 |
| | 04 | Apple, other than Norland or Westland, 2" - 3", no debris, 5 |
| | 05 | Westland apple, no debris, 5 |
| | 06 | Apple, other than Westland, 3" - 4", no debris, 5 |
| | 07 | Apple, 4" or over, no debris, 5 |
| | 08 | Apple, largest over 1 lb. (by weight), 1 |
| | 09 | Chokecherry, no debris, 10 clusters |
| | 10 | Bush cherry, i.e. Nanking, no debris, 1 cup |
| | 11 | Tree cherry, i.e. pie, sweet, no debris, 1 cup |
| | 12 | Collection, no debris, 5 or more named varieties |
| | 13 | Other |

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DIVISION 08: GREENHOUSE GROWN OR POTTED WINTER- SHELTERED FRUIT

Submit with stems and sample of foliage.

| | | |
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| Class: | 01 | Apple, no debris, 5 |
| | 02 | Apple, largest over 1 lb. (by weight) 1 |
| | 03 | Plum, no debris, 5 |
| | 04 | Cherry, no debris, 5 |
| | 05 | Apricot, no debris, 5 |
| | 06 | Collection, no debris, 5 or more named varieties |
| | 07 | Other |

DIVISION 09: GREENHOUSE GROWN VEGETABLES

Vegetables are judged on market quality.

Variety names are required.

| | | |
|--------|----|---|
| Class: | 01 | Cucumber, European, 1 with 1/2" stem, 9" and over |
| | 02 | Cucumber, pickling, 6 with 1/2" stems |
| | 03 | Cucumber, slicing, 3 with 1/2" stems, 6" and over |
| | 04 | Eggplant, 1 with 1/2" stem |
| | 05 | Pepper, hot, 3 with 1/2" stems |
| | 06 | Pepper, small fruit, 5 with 1/2" stems |
| | 07 | Pepper, sweet, any color, 3 with 1/2" stems |
| | 08 | Pepper, other, 3 with 1/2" stems |
| | 09 | Tomato, cherry/pear, red, 12 with 1" stems |
| | 10 | Tomato, cherry/pear, yellow, 12 with 1" stems |
| | 11 | Tomato, red, 5 with 1" stems |
| | 12 | Tomato, yellow, 5 with 1" stems |
| | 13 | Other |

DIVISION 10: LARGEST GARDEN CROP, HERBS, GRAINS, OR VEGETABLES

No mutants. Must be clean and undamaged. Must be edible. Must be larger than Market size. Leaves on all cabbages under 50 lbs. will be trimmed to 3 wrapper leaves after official weigh-in due to space limitations. Guinness Rules and Guidelines will apply to all potential record entries.

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| Class: | 01 | Bean |
| | 02 | Beet, table |
| | 03 | Broccoli, green |
| | 04 | Broccoli, romanesco |
| | 05 | Cabbage, green |
| | 06 | Cabbage, red |
| | 07 | Carrot |
| | 08 | Cauliflower |
| | 09 | Celery |
| | 10 | Chard, Swiss |
| | 11 | Corn, stock height |
| | 12 | Corn, ear |
| | 13 | Cucumber |
| | 14 | Greens, collard |
| | 15 | Greens, mustard |



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| 16 | Greens, spinach |
| 17 | Kale |
| 18 | Kohlrabi |
| 19 | Leeks |
| 20 | Lettuce, head |
| 21 | Lettuce, leaf |
| 22 | Muskmelon / cantaloupe |
| 23 | Onion |
| 24 | Parsnip |
| 25 | Pepper, hot |
| 26 | Pepper, sweet |
| 27 | Potato |
| 28 | Pumpkin |
| 29 | Radish |
| 30 | Rhubarb |
| 31 | Rutabaga |
| 32 | Squash, winter |
| 33 | Squash, yellow, summer |
| 34 | Squash, zucchini, green |
| 35 | Squash, zucchini, yellow |
| 36 | Sunflower, cut head |
| 37 | Sunflower, whole plant |
| 38 | Tomato |
| 39 | Turnip |
| 40 | Other |

DIVISION 11: OUTDOOR GROWN VEGETABLES – JUNIOR

Ages 17 & under. Use Div. 12 classes (state age on entry form)

DIVISION 12: OUTDOOR GROWN VEGETABLES

Vegetables are judged on market quality.

Variety names are required.

Name seed company, if possible, for judging purposes.

| | | |
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| Class: | 01 | Artichoke, 1 with 2" stem |
| | 02 | Bean, broad or horse, 12 pods with 1/2" stems |
| | 03 | Bean, green bush, 12 pods with 1/2" stems |
| | 04 | Bean, purple snap, 12 pods with 1/2" stems |
| | 05 | Bean, pole, 12 pods with 1/2" stems |
| | 06 | Bean, yellow, snap, 12 pods with 1/2" stems |
| | 07 | Beet, elongated, 5, topped and trimmed |
| | 08 | Beet, round, 5, topped and trimmed |
| | 09 | Broccoli, green, 1 head/bunch |
| | 10 | Broccoli, purple, 1 head/bunch |
| | 11 | Broccoli, Romanesco, 1 head/bunch |
| | 12 | Brussels sprouts, 12 |
| | 13 | Cabbage, flat head, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves |
| | 14 | Cabbage, pointed, 1-4 lbs., 1-2 wrapper leaves |
| | 15 | Cabbage, round green, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves |
| | 16 | Cabbage, round red, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves |
| | 17 | Cabbage, savoy, 2-5 lbs., 3 wrapper leaves |
| | 18 | Carrot, Chantenay, 5 topped and trimmed |

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- 19 Carrot, Imperator, 5 topped and trimmed
- 20 Carrot, Nantes, 5 topped and trimmed
- 21 Cauliflower, leaves trimmed level with head
- 22 Celery, 1 plant, root trimmed to point
- 23 Cucumber, 6, pickling, 6 with 1/2" stems
- 24 Cucumber, 2, slicing, 2 with 1/2" stems, 6" and up
- 25 Endive, 1 bunch
- 26 Gourd, 2 misc. types, with 1/2" stems, labeled with name
- 27 Greens, beet, 1 bunch
- 28 Greens, collard, 1 bunch
- 29 Greens, mustard, 1 bunch
- 30 Greens, spinach, 1 bunch
- 31 Kale, edible, 1 bunch
- 32 Kale, (or cabbage), flowering, 1 plant with 4" stem
- 33 Kohlrabi, green, 3, trimmed, with 3-4 center leaves
- 34 Kohlrabi, purple, 3, trimmed, with 3-4 center leaves
- 35 Leeks, 3, roots trimmed, leaves trimmed to fan shape
- 36 Lettuce, Butterhead, outer leaves trimmed
- 37 Lettuce, Crisphead (iceberg), trimmed
- 38 Lettuce, Cross (Romaine), 1 plant, trimmed
- 39 Lettuce, leaf, green, 1 plant, trimmed
- 40 Lettuce, leaf, red, 1 plant, trimmed
- 41 Onions, cooking, 5, topped and trimmed
- 42 Onions, green, 1 bunch, trimmed
- 43 Onions, pickling, 1/2 pint (1 cup), topped & trimmed
- 44 Parsnips, 3, topped and trimmed
- 45 Peas, 12 pods with 1/2" stems
- 46 Peas, Chinese, 12 pods with 1/2" stems
- 47 Peas, sugar snap, 12 pods, with 1/2" stems, variety named
- 48 Pepper, green, 2 with 1/2" stems
- 49 Pepper, other, 2 with 1/2" stems
- 50 Pumpkin, large, clean, with 1" stem
- 51 Pumpkin, small varieties, clean, with 1" stem
- 52 Radish, round, 1 bunch, trimmed
- 53 Rhubarb, 4 -5 pulled stalks, leaves trimmed to 1" fan
- 54 Rutabaga, 3, topped and trimmed
- 55 Spinach, New Zealand, 1 bunch
- 56 Squash, summer, Italian (zucchini), 2 with 1" stems
- 57 Squash, summer, straight-neck, 2 with 1" stems
- 58 Squash, summer, crook-neck, 2 with 1" stems
- 59 Squash, summer, scalloped or patty pan, 2 with 1" stems

- 60 Squash, winter, acorn, buttercup or hubbard, 2 with 1" stems
- 61 Sunflower, 1 head w/ mature seed with 3" stem
- 62 Sheaf grains - named variety, 2 1/2" - 3 1/2" diameter at neck, trimmed
- 63 Sweet corn, 2 ears, variety named, 1/3 husk removed, silk trimmed
- 64 Swiss chard, 1 plant, trimmed
- 65 Tomato, green, 3, with 1" stems
- 66 Tomato, ripe, red, 3 with 1" stems
- 67 Turnip, early white, 3, topped and trimmed
- 68 Turnip, purple, 3, topped and trimmed
- 69 Turnip greens, 1 bunch
- 70 Other
- 71 New varieties for 2009

DIVISION 13: POTATOES

Nine (9) per entry. Tubers should be clean, uniform in size, shape and maturity. Not limited to varieties listed. **Variety name required.** No double entries allowed, except for use as part of a collection.

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| Class | 01 | Long Whites: i.e. CalWhite, Ivory Crisp, Kennebec, Knik, Mainstay, Shepody |
| | 02 | Round Whites: i.e. Alasclear, Alaska 114, Alaska Frostless, Pike, Snow Chip |
| | 03 | Blue/Purple Skin: i.e. Blue Max, Blue Shetland, Caribe, Purple Viking |
| | 04 | Blue/Purple Flesh: i.e. All Blue, Magic Molly, Peruvian Purple |
| | 05 | Red Skin: i.e. Alaska Red, Cherry Red, Iditared, Red Gold, Red Pontiac, Sangre |
| | 06 | Red Flesh: i.e. All Red, Alaska Sweetheart, Huckleberry |
| | 07 | Yellow Flesh: i.e. German Butterball, Iditared, Red Gold, Rote Eerstling, Yellow Finn, Yukon Gold |
| | 08 | Fingerlings: i.e. Banana, French Fingerling, Haida, Kassan, Kifli, Magic Molly, Ozette, Peanut, Peruvian Purple, Ratte |
| | 09 | Russets: i.e. Alaska Russet, Allagash, Hilat, Krantz, Lemhi, Russet Norkota |
| | 10 | Other: i.e. Bicolored, Parti-Potato i.e. Alaska Redeye, Daku, King Edward, Siberian, White Caribe |
| | 11 | Collections, 9 varieties |

DIVISION 14: GARDEN DISPLAY, ADULT

Class 01 entrants must receive at least 80% of their income from farming.

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| Class: | 01 | Commercial |
| | 02 | Garden Group or Club |
| | 03 | Home Gardener |

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DIVISION 15: GARDEN DISPLAY, JUNIOR

Class: 01 Garden Group or Club
02 Home Gardener

Garden displays require at least **20 named and labeled items:** garden or greenhouse made or produced. Limited to 5' of shelf space. Signage welcome. Registration required. Please email crops@alaskastatefair.org by August 24 to reserve space for any/all entries.

Assemble by 8:00 p.m. entry day.
Remove first entry from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. September 2.
Remove second entry from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. September 8.

Garden Display Judging Criteria:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Overall quality and condition | 20 points |
| Arrangement; adherence to Fair theme | 20 points |
| Shape, size, and color of produce | 20 points |
| Educational value; suitability | 20 points |
| Number of items adequately displayed (use Div. 12 as guideline) | 20 points |

DIVISION 16: VEG HEADS

"GET HAPPY" by transforming any vegetable into a character. Creativity and theme representation are encouraged.

Class: 01 Open
02 Junior (ages 6 -12) **state age on entry form**
03 Junior (ages 13 - 17) **state age on entry form**

DIVISION 17: LARGEST ZUCCHINI, JUNIOR

Special Awards sponsored by **Wildflower Garden Club**
No mutants.

Must be officially weighed, with 1" stem.

Class: 01 Junior (ages 6 -12) **state age on entry form**
02 Junior (ages 13 - 17) **state age on entry form**



Alaska's Midnight Sun Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Farm Exhibits from Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.
Blue - \$80, Red - \$40, White - \$25
Pre-Registration is required by August 26, 2009.

Come see these mammoth squash as they are being checked in. Will we break the current state record of 1,019 lbs. ??
Talk with the growers!

This contest is sanctioned by the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth. The Alaska State Fair is an Official weigh-off site for the GPC. Contest rules and guidelines will follow those set forth by the Alaska State Fair, Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and Guinness World Records.
For more information, contact **Marie Domer** at (907) 745-6561.

Crops Special Award Sponsors:

- Valley Garden Club** - Divisions 3, 4 & 5 - Juniors
 - Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers** - Division 7
 - The Carson Family Award** - Division 2
 - Colony Greenhouse** - Divisions 11 & 15 - Juniors
 - Alaska Seed Growers Association** - Division 13
 - Dearborn Farm** - Division 13
 - Alaska Mill, Feed & Garden Center** - Divisions 14 & 15
 - Wildflower Garden Club** - Division 17 - Juniors
- Alaska State Fair Overall Record Vegetables (see website)

