



PREMIUM AWARDS

1st place - \$3 and ribbon per lot

2nd place - \$2 and ribbon per lot

3rd place - \$1 and ribbon per lot

Grand champion - \$5 and certificate per class

Reserve champion - \$3 and certificate per class

Department best of show - \$50 and certificate

Ribbons/premiums are only awarded if warranted. Premium payouts will be issued within 10 business days of the last day of the Fair and must be cashed by September 30th or will be considered a donation to the Fair.

OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS

THINGS TO KNOW

- ✦ There is no cost to enter exhibits.
- ✦ Items not pre-entered will still be accepted.
- ✦ Entries must have been prepared by the exhibitor.
- ✦ Culinary entries must be made from scratch (no commercial mixes or frostings, no frozen dough, ect.)
- ✦ Divisions are open to all age groups. Age category must be identified at entry, or the exhibits will be classed as Adult.
 - Junior: 17 yrs. and under
 - Adult: 18 - 64 yrs.
 - Senior: 65 yrs. and over
- ✦ All exhibit areas are closed to the public during judging.
- ✦ The decision of the judge(s) is final.
- ✦ If there is no competition within a class, the judge shall decide which placing, if any, shall be awarded.
- ✦ Exhibit release time is July 20th 5pm-8pm & July 21st 11am-5pm
 - Awards will be forfeited if any part of an entry is removed prior to release time.
- ✦ Superintendents have the right to:
 - Re-categorize any exhibit
 - Remove any exhibit or part that is unsightly/offensive
 - Arrange exhibits for display
- ✦ The North Iowa Fair Association will use diligence in caring for the safety of entries after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for the loss or damage of any entry or exhibit.

Questions? Email office@northiowafair.org or call (641) 423-3811

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

- **Wed. July 9th** - Pre-entry forms due to the NIEC office to expedite check-in
- **Sun. July 13th** - Non-perishable exhibit drop off (3:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- **Mon. July 14th** - Non-perishable exhibit drop off (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- **Mon. July 14th** - Non-perishable exhibit judging. Closed to public.
- **Mon. July 14th** - Perishable exhibit drop off (3:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- **Tues. July 15th** - Perishable exhibit drop off (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- **Tues. July 15th** - Perishable exhibit judging. Closed to public.
- **Wed. July 16th** - North Iowa Fair opens (3:00PM)
- **Sun. July 20th** - North Iowa Fair closes (6:00PM)
- **Sun. July 20th** - Exhibit pickup (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- **Mon. July 21st** - Exhibit pickup (11:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

CULINARY ARTS

Department # 100

Cake Division Rules

- Cakes are to be baked in a standard sized pan.
- May be layered and frosted, unless specified.
- Must be removed from baking pan and displayed on a sturdy disposable base.
- Exhibits must include the recipe written on a note card (excludes decorated cakes)
- Cupcakes must include three on a sturdy disposable plate.
- Entries submitted with plastic wrap and that are frosted risk alteration of artwork on the item submitted for judging as it must be removed.
- No commercial mixes or frosting allowed for regular cakes and cupcakes.
- Decorated cakes may be made from commercial mixes or other means to assist with the stability of the display. Decorated cakes are not tasted.

Class 100 – Regular Cakes Frosted/Unfrosted

Lot #:

1. Angel Food cake
2. Carrot cake
3. Chocolate cake
4. White cake
5. Yellow cake
6. Jelly Roll
7. Other

Class 101 – Decorated Cakes Frosting

Lot #:

1. Cupcake (3 specimens)
2. Sheet cake
3. Tier cake (non wedding)
4. Wedding cake
5. Other

Class 102 – Decorated Cakes Fondant

Lot #:

1. Cupcakes (3 specimens)
2. Sheet cake
3. Tier cake (non wedding)
4. Wedding cake
5. Other

Bread Division Rules

- Bread should be baked in a regular sized bread pan. Rolls may be baked in a round, square, or oblong pan.
- All bread products should be submitted on a sturdy disposable base.
- Exhibits must include the recipe written on a note card.
- Rolls, muffins, and biscuits should include four on a plate.
- No commercial mixes or frozen dough products allowed.

Class 103 – Bread & Rolls

Lot #:

1. Quick bread loaf (banana, zucchini, nut, etc.)
2. Yeast bread loaf
3. Yeast rolls
4. Muffins
5. Biscuit
6. Other

CULINARY ARTS continued

Cookie & Bars Division Rules

- No commercial mixes/frosting. No frozen dough products.
- May include nuts, chips, etc.
- Must include five cookies/bars on a sturdy disposable plate.
- Exhibits must include the recipe written on a note card.

Class 104 – Cookies & Bars

Lot #:

1. Cookies - Frosted
2. Cookies - Unfrosted
3. Bars - Frosted
4. Bars - Unfrosted

Pie Division Rules

- Pies to be in a standard size, disposable pie pan.
- No commercially prepared fillings or crusts.
- No cream pies.
- Exhibits must include the recipe written on a note card.

Class 105 – Pies

Lot #:

1. Apple
2. Berry
3. Cherry
4. Peach
5. Other

Other Foods Division Rules

- Must include six pieces on a sturdy disposable plate.
- Exhibits must include the recipe written on a note card.

Class 106– Candy

Lot #:

1. Brittle or toffee
2. Caramel
3. Divinity
4. Fudge
5. Mints
6. Other

Class 107 – Dried Foods

Lot #:

1. Fruit
2. Herbs
3. Meat
4. Vegetable
5. Other

CULINARY ARTS continued

Home Preserved Products Division Rules

- All preserved foods must include the date canned have been processed since August 1st, 2024.
- Must be in standard clear glass canning jars with two-piece lids.
- Fruit spreads should be in a standard jelly jar.
- Sealed jars will not be opened, but jar rings must be easy to remove by the judge.
- Judging will be based on quality and general appearance. No tasting for safety reasons

Class 108 – Canned Fruits

Lot #:

1. Apples
2. Applesauce
3. Berries
4. Cherries
5. Mixed fruits
6. Peaches
7. Pears
8. Squash
9. Other

Class 109 – Canned Vegetables

Lot #:

1. Asparagus
2. Beans
3. Beets
4. Carrots
5. Corn
6. Mixed vegetables
7. Peppers
8. Potatoes
9. Tomatoes
10. Other

Class 110 – Canned Pickles/Relish

Lot #:

1. Beets
2. Bread & Butter pickles
3. Eggs
4. Dill pickles
5. Relish
6. Sweet pickles
7. Other

Class 111 – Jams, Jellies, Marmalades, Etc.

Lot #:

1. Apple
2. Berry
3. Grape
4. Orange
5. Peach
6. Plum
7. Rhubarb
8. Fruit butter (any flavor)
9. Honey
10. Other

Class 112 – Salsa, Sauces, & Marinades

Lot #:

1. Barbecue sauce
2. Marinade
3. Pizza sauce
4. Salsa
5. Spaghetti sauce
6. Other

Class 113 – Other Canned Items

Lot #:

1. Juice
2. Meat
3. Soup
4. Other