

Arts and Crafts

Award Information, Rules and Regulations, Entry Information

To enter your art or craft, please read and review the Arts and Crafts Entry Information with Rules and Regulations at the bottom of the page.

DEPARTMENT C: CANNED GOODS

REQUIREMENTS:

- Foods should be canned in requested sized STANDARD glass canning jars
- Jars larger than quarts will not be accepted.
- Jars must be labeled with type of food and date (**NO NAME**).
- Rings should be on jars with vacuum sealed lids.
- Any jar may be opened at the discretion of the judge.
- All foods must have been canned during the past year.
- Paraffin on top of jellies, preserves or jams will not be accepted.

CANNED FRUITS and VEGETABLE

(Jars no bigger than 1quart/32oz)

Judging Criteria/Points (Fruits & Vegetables):

1. Quality: Judged by appearance (20%)
2. Uniformity: size, shape, color (color natural and fresh) (20%)
3. Pack: Full, right proportion of solids to liquids, attractive, compact, but not fancy (20%)
4. Quality: Uniform pieces, Natural color, Free from sediment, foreign matter, & mold (15%)
5. Liquid: Covering food, correct amount of headspace, clear liquid (15%)
6. Appearance of Jar: Clear, correct size, no rust, neatly labeled (10%)

FRUITS

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| C100. Apples | C105. Peaches |
| C101. Applesauce | C106. Pears |
| C102. Blackberries | C107. Plums |
| C103. Strawberries | C108. Any other fruit (specify) |
| C104. Cherries | |

VEGETABLES

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| C200. Beets | C221. Soup mixture, at least 3 vegetables |
| C201. Black-eyed Peas | C222. Tomato Juice |
| C202. Carrots | C223. Tomato, chunks |
| C203. Corn white | C224. Tomato, whole, canned in tomato juice |
| C204. Corn yellow | C225. Tomato, crushed |
| C205. Lima or Butter Beans | C226. Tomato, yellow |
| C206. White Potatoes | C227. Best jar of greens |
| C207. Peas, garden | C228. Pole Beans, green |
| C208. Pepper | C229. Any other vegetables (specify) |
| C209. Snaps, wax | |
| C220. Snaps, green | |

PICKLES, RELISHES, SAUCE

(Jars no bigger than 1 quart/32oz)

Judging Criteria/Points:

1. Condition: firm, tender, crisp (35%)
2. Appearance: color – natural and clear attractive not fancy pack, proportion of solid to liquid (10%)
3. Flavor: (50%)
4. Appearance of jar: appropriate size, neatly labeled (5%)

C300. Beets	C317. Squash, yellow
C301. Chili Sauce	C318. Peppers
C302. Chow Chow	C319. Kosher Dill Pickles
C303. Cucumber,	C320. Zucchini
C304. Cucumber, sweet	C321. Cinnamon Pickles
C305. Dill Pickles	C322. Chutney Relish
C306. Green Tomato	C323. Cucumber Relish
C307. Mixed Pickles	C324. Corn Relish
C308. Sweet Dill	C325. Salsa
C309. Peaches	C326. Barbecue Sauce
C310. Pears	C327. Mustard Sauce
C311. Pepper Relish	C328. Pickled Okra
C312. Tomato Catsup	C329. Any other Pickle (specify)
C313. Watermelon Rind	C330. Any other Relish (specify)
C314. Bread & Butter Pickles	C331. Any other Sauce (specify)
C315. Spaghetti Sauce	
C316. Cucumber Rind	

JELLIES

(Jars no bigger than ½ pint/8oz)

Judging Criteria/Points:

1. Appearance: natural color, clear, no crystals (10%)
2. Consistency: holds shape, tender quivery of solid to liquid (40%)
3. Flavor: natural, pleasing (40%)
4. Appearance of Jar: appropriate size, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C400. Apples	C409. Crab Apple
C401. Blackberry	C410. Pepper
C402. Grape	C411. Fruit Sauce
C403. Plum	C412. Cherry
C404. Strawberry	C413. Low Sugar Jellies (specify)
C405. Mint Jelly	C414. Habanero
C406. Peach	C415. Muscadine
C407. Damson	C416. Any other Jellies (specify)
C408. White Grape	

PRESERVES AND MARMALADE

(Jars no bigger than ½ pint/8oz)

Judging Criteria/Points:

1. Appearance: color, clearness (10%)
2. Consistency: even, stiff, not syrupy, sticky, or sugary (40%)
3. Flavor: (40%)
4. Appearance of Jar: appropriate, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C500. Blackberry
C501. Cherry
C502. Grape
C503. Peach
C504. Pear
C505. Plum
C506. Strawberry
C507. Tomato

C508. Watermelon Rind
C509. Fig
C510. 2 or 4 Fruits mix
C511. Damson
C512. Low Sugar (specify)
C513. Citrus Marmalade (specify)
C514. Any other Preserves (specify)

JAMS AND CONSERVES

(Jars no bigger than ½ pint/8oz)

Judging Criteria/Points:

1. Appearance: color, clearness (10%)
2. Consistency: uniform, smooth, thick, not syrupy and easily spreadable (40%)
3. Flavor: (50%)
4. Appearance of Jar: appropriate, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C600. Blackberry
C601. Plum
C602. Grape
C603. Peach
C604. Cherry

C605. Damson
C606. Blueberry
C607. Low Sugar (specify variety)
C608. 2 or 4 Fruits (conserve)
C609. Any other Jams (specify)

MISCELLANEOUS

(Jars no bigger than ½ pint/8oz)

Judging Criteria/Points:

1. Appearance: color, clearness (10%)
2. Consistency: uniform, smooth, even grain, not runny, holds shape (40%)
3. Flavor: (50%)
4. Appearance of Jar: appropriate, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C700. Canned Juice (specify)
C701. Fruit/Vegetable/Herb Butter (specify)
C702. Fruit/Vegetable/Herb Syrups (specify)

Rules And Regulations

Arts & Crafts Director: Lori Ando at artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org

The Chesterfield County Fair will be held on the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds located at 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, through Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025. The fairgrounds will close each night at 11:00pm, while buildings close at 10:00pm and ticket gates close at 10:30pm.

The CCFA will work out a tentative program for the fair so there will be the least amount of conflict between entertainment and attractions. To that end, there may be continuous programs running throughout the nine days of the fair. The Chesterfield County Fair Association reserves the right to close or prohibit any feature of the fair that is deemed inappropriate or objectionable.

Judging Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to **ALL** interested parties. 4-H Club members will be allowed to make exhibits in any class under their age division or in the 4H division.
2. Registration will be **ONLINE ONLY** using FairEntry [CCFA FairEntry](#). If you are unable to submit using FairEntry, please send your list of entries, including, Department, Class, Description and Age/Division (Senior, Adult, Youth (17-14), Youth (13-9), Youth (8 & under), 4H member) to artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org by 8:00pm on **Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2025**.
3. **Quilts** are required to be delivered on **Tuesday, Aug. 19**, from 5:00-8:00pm with judging on Wednesday, Aug 20. **QUILTS ONLY!**
4. **All other** entries are required to be delivered on **Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025**, from **3:00 - 8:00pm** with judging to begin on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025.
5. Exhibitors are to remove items entered for judging on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025, from 9:00am – 1:00pm. No person or organization will be allowed to take down their exhibit before the stated hour.
6. All entries in all departments must be the work of the exhibitor. Farm crops, vegetables, flowers, etc. must have been grown and prepared under the personal supervision of the exhibitor. All entries must have been made, grown, produced, drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
7. No professionals will be allowed to compete in a department which is associated with their profession, except for Department A. A professional is a person who makes items for sale or who teaches others for profit.
8. Exhibitors will report to the superintendent of each department who will check in items. The superintendent will present the items to the judges and make the proper entry of prize winners.
9. No exhibit will receive a monetary prize. Awards will be given on exhibits that meet the rules and guidelines in each department. The CCFA will secure the best judges obtainable, and they will be experts in their line.
10. Ribbons will be placed by the judges at the time of judging in each department. Decisions of the judges are final.
11. CCFA assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to exhibits whatsoever. CCFA will provide sufficient security from Tuesday, August 21, 2025, starting at 5:00pm through Sunday, Aug 31, 2025, until 1:00pm

General Rules and Regulations for all Departments

1. All articles entered for exhibit must be the work of the persons exhibiting and must have been made/grown/produced/drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in any one class.
3. General rules for entry and removal of exhibits will apply to all departments.
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to place their own exhibits on display. The department superintendent will handle this in an impartial manner to all.