

FORESTRY

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From toothpicks to timber, we use over 2000 products made from wood every day. Visit the Forestry Building to learn where many of these products come from, how they are manufactured and gain a clearer understanding of our connection to the forest. Forests are all around us; from the small forests in our back yards and urban areas to the larger forests in rural areas throughout the state. There are many ways we depend upon and benefit from these forests. They provide clean air and water, beautiful scenery, places to relax and recreate. They also support the wood products and tourism industries. There will be new exhibits that illustrate how we use this valuable resource wisely and sustainably. Each year we have a featured tree species. Our focus this year is Butternut, a tree appreciated for its timber, beauty, and prized nuts, however much endangered by blight.

New this year is our Ironwood competition. This exhibit will display the ingenuity and talents of our neighbors who have modified, restored, or designed an apparatus or gadget to assist with an agricultural or forestry activity. Entries will be categorized as:

- A) Agricultural- motorized
- B) Agricultural non-motorized
- C) Forestry- motorized
- D) Forestry non-motorized

Each will be judged on a number of factors. Three places will be awarded along with a Best In Show. Premiums will be:

First \$20.00 Second \$10.00 Third \$5.00 Best In Show \$50.00.

Entries will be accepted Monday August 14th from 9am to 7pm and Tuesday August 15th from 9am to 12 noon only. Entries must be removed Saturday August 19th after 7pm or make arrangements with the Superintendent for Sunday August 20th. A completed entry form (Entry Form A) must be submitted with your entry.

This will be an outdoor exhibit. The Vermont State Fair management and Forestry Department cannot be held responsible for loss or damage. We will provide a common cable to which you can chain and lock your entry. This is not a tractor or truck show. The intent is to present a fun exhibit of items and ideas that are often never acknowledged.

As always, the building is staffed with friendly knowledgeable volunteers who can answer your questions about the exhibits and about Vermont forests. Your interest and suggestions are important to us! See you at the Fair!

