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August 12-16, 2025

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WELCOME TO THE 2025 VERMONT STATE FAIR!

August 12th to August 16th, 2025

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday 5:00pm to 11:00pm

Wednesday – Saturday 8:00am to 11:00pm

Enclosed in this booklet are all the rules, regulations, & guidelines to enter exhibits at the 2025 Vermont State Fair. Please contact department superintendents with any questions you may have.

You are welcome to enter as many departments as you wish, and we hope that you do. We look forward to seeing your entries and we will see you at the Fair!

- Officers & Trustees of the Rutland County Agricultural Society

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Thank you, Donna, for sharing your beautiful photos with us!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

179 years and still going strong! How amazing is that?

The number of people we have been a part of their lives, and that we have brought joy to, is something to marvel at. The work is not yet done and huge thank you's go out to each and every person that steps up to make this fair happen and make it successful. It's a special time, a time for people to come together, and a time for people to forget the world around them for a brief moment, and just enjoy themselves. Whether it be arts, crafts, vegetables, farm livestock, pets, poultry, maple, culinary, Grange, 4-H, Forestry, or any of the others that I may have forgotten, these events unify and provide some neighborly competition to bring out the best of the best. May we never forget and lose our agricultural roots, no matter where our lives and society take us.

With this premium book we continue to honor what was started by the generations before us. We hope you will consider joining us. This year, the timeless competitions continue and we hope to see new faces placing their entries and participating in our pastime! We cannot wait for what will take place from August 12-16 th , 2025. Please accept this as my personal invite, to come, see, enter an exhibit, create, and above all, enjoy the fun that is the Vermont State Fair. Won't you join us, and don't forget to bring some friends?

Of course you're comin'!

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IN MEMORY

Bruce Carrington
John Holden
Patricia Papineau

We will miss you and all that you did.

THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT CONGDON

Robert,

You do more than anyone could fathom. Most of which is hidden behind the scenes and most people don't even know half of what you do.

You have led this Society as President since 2018, and in addition, you are now currently serving as the President of the Vermont Fairs Association. Other roles that you have assumed include acting fair manager, chaired committees, helped with site repairs, contract negotiations, peacemaker, referee, stayed neutral in heated discussions, taken so many deep breaths, and we're not sure how you have kept everything straight and moving in a forward and positive direction.

This past year has been a nightmare as we navigate the ramifications and hurdles of the 3-Acre Rule.

You have given countless testimonies in the legislative bodies and have attended many meetings on the effects this rule will have on our fairgrounds and the Society.

We would not be where we are today without your leadership, guidance, and sense of humor.

What doesn't kill us, just makes us stronger. And you, sir, are stronger than any old bull we know!

With deepest appreciation and gratitude,

The Officers and Trustees of RCAS

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THE SHOWMAN'S PRAYER

O my God, I believe in you. I trust in you. I thank you for all my blessings. I love you and ask forgiveness for all my sins. Guide and protect me and all those dear to me. Make me mindful of my privilege as a showman to bring joy and happiness to all people...especially the poor, the lonely, the less fortunate. And when my last act on earth is complete and the final curtain falls, take me to yourself to be happy with you forever. Amen.

RULES, NOTICES & REGULATIONS

READ CAREFULLY

All entries for each department must be accompanied by an entry blank that is completely filled out.

The VERMONT STATE FAIR MANAGEMENT will take every precaution to ensure the safety of stock or articles entered or shown after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to, occasioned by or arising from any animal or article or exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Vermont State Fair and Management thereof against all legal and other proceedings in regard thereto.

A person exhibiting thoroughbred animals will be required to furnish the Judges satisfactory evidence of purity of blood before being allowed to compete for premiums.

The herd book of several breeds shall be such evidence. NO PERSON, other than the JUDGES and CLERKS, will be permitted in the ring while stock is being judged.

No article or animal will be permitted to compete for more than one premium, except in the case of herd or flock premium, or unless otherwise stated in the conditions of the department.

If it should be discovered that any competitor for a premium, by self or agent, has made or caused to be made any incorrect statement about any article or animal, or has interfered with the judges to defeat the object of the Society, or violate its rules and regulations, said person shall be excluded from the competition.

Members of the Society will be furnished with a ticket for admission, free of charge. They are not transferable and will be forfeited if presented by other than the member.

Each department will be under the control of its Superintendent. The general moving and keeping of articles must be under their control and direction.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of each department will be eligible to display or design for competition in that particular department.

Universal precautions per CDC guidance are in place.

All checks must be cashed by 10/17/25 or become void and will not be reissued. Please ensure your mailing address is complete on your entry form(s).

ATTENTION ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR VERMONT FAIRS, FIELD DAYS, AND FESTIVALS

Guidelines for Exhibitors to Minimize Animal Health Risks

As much of the country moves away from farms and into cities, Vermont strives to celebrate important agriculture roots. Agricultural fairs, school farms and programs, petting zoos, and exhibitions provide entertainment and educational opportunities for industry members and the public. However, bringing together people and animals from across the state and region increases certain health risks. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI H5N1) was first detected in dairy cattle early in 2024 and continues to spread between cattle and herds in multiple states. In response to this emerging disease threat, USDA announced a federal order requiring pre-movement testing for interstate movement of lactating dairy cattle. The Agency of Agriculture is not restricting the movement or exhibition of lactating dairy cattle beyond that which is outlined in the federal order, but recommends fairs carefully consider best practices and biosecurity for their events, especially pertaining to cattle originating from HPAI-affected states. In addition to the disease threat associated with HPAI H5N1, the risks of Salmonella, E. coli, rabies exposures, injuries, and other health problems among visitors, especially children or vulnerable adults, remain.

Mandatory requirements for animals attending a fair, field day, or festival

Agency Animal Health Specialists will complete site visits and monitor for compliance with the following requirements. To decrease disruptions to participants and events, fair personnel should ensure exhibitors are aware of the following requirements:

No waterfowl (such as ducks, geese, or swans) may be shown or exhibited during the 2025 Vermont fair season, regardless of origin. HPAI continues to be prevalent in wild waterfowl. Ducks (especially) often show no sign of illness when infected with HPAI and yet spread the disease to other domestic birds. Waterfowl may also be a source of infection for other animal species.

Livestock and Poultry Originating from Within Vermont
All livestock originating from within VT are required to be identified with official individual identification prior to leaving the farm. Livestock include dairy and beef cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and camelids. Official individual ID includes metal NUES (if applied before 11/05/2024) or RFID ear tags, scrapie tags for goats and sheep, an official registry tattoo accompanied by breed registration paperwork, and microchips in camelids.

Vermont-origin poultry must have been tested and found

to be negative for pullorum-typhoid (p-t) within the current calendar year.

Livestock and Poultry Originating from Outside of Vermont

All livestock and poultry imported into Vermont from other states or provinces must comply with the Rules Governing the Importation of Domestic Animals Including Livestock and Poultry. Livestock import requirements vary by species so please review the importation requirements carefully and contact the Agency Animal Health Office at 802-828-2421 for specific information.

General Requirements:

- A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 30 days of the animal's importation into Vermont.
- Identification with an official identification device (examples include official RFID ear tags, scrapie tags for goats and sheep, an official registry tattoo accompanied by breed registration paperwork, and microchips for camelids).
- An import permit (horses are exempt).

Disease Testing Requirements:

- Per the Federal Order, all lactating dairy cows must have a negative HPAI PCR test completed by an accredited veterinarian within 7 days prior to movement into Vermont. Cows may return home on the same test provided the event does not exceed 10 days.
- Horses must have a valid negative Coggins test within 12 months of importation into Vermont. Please note: The Vermont State Fair requires a valid negative Coggins within the current calendar year of 2025.
- Cattle, swine, goats, and camelids not originating in brucellosis free states or certified herds are required to have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days of importation.
- Cattle, goats, and camelids not originating in tuberculosis free states or certified herds are required to have a negative tuberculosis test within 90 days of importation into Vermont.
- Out of state poultry over 20 weeks of age must originate from a National Poultry Improvement Plan p-t Clean status flock or test negative for p-t within 30 days of importation into Vermont.
- Additional tests for livestock and poultry may be required if traveling from outside of New England. Interstatelivestock.com provides easy look up for requirements based on state of origin and species, or exhibitors are encouraged to review Rules Governing the Importation of Domestic Animals Including Livestock and Poultry.

NOTE: It is illegal in Vermont to use animals as awards or prizes. For complete information about this law, please review Title 13, Chapter 008: Humane Treatment of Animals.

General Animal Health Recommendations:

While not required, the Agency recommends that fairs institute the following practices to ensure the health of all

participating livestock and poultry.

• Veterinary Exam

Vermont residents should ensure that their livestock and poultry are healthy and do not pose a risk to other animals. This can be best accomplished through a veterinary exam prior to transporting animals to fairs and exhibitions. A veterinarian can also vaccinate for rabies and help apply official ID.

• Rabies Vaccination

The Agency strongly recommends that all animals at the event over 3 months of age for which there is an approved rabies vaccine, including cattle, horses, sheep, dogs, cats and ferrets, have a current rabies vaccination. The vaccination should be administered at least 28 days prior to the event and remain current for the duration of the event according to the vaccine label. Vaccination within 28 days of the start of an event can be accepted for younger animals whose age prevents them from being vaccinated at least 28 days in advance of the start of the event. Although an approved rabies vaccine does not exist for goats, camelids, swine, and wolf-hybrids, it is acceptable for veterinarians to administer the vaccine in an off-label manner.

Poultry Recommendations

In addition to the requirements listed in the previous section, poultry should be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: avian influenza, infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowlpox, external parasites, and laryngotracheitis.

Cattle, Sheep, Goat, and Camelid (alpacas, llamas, etc.)

Recommendations

In addition to the requirements listed earlier in this document, livestock should be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, cowpox, and open or draining wounds. Cattle Shipping Fever Vaccination - It is recommended that cattle have a shipping fever vaccination, which includes IBR, BVD, PI3, and BRSV, within 6 months but no less than 14 days prior to the event.

HPAI Testing – Though not mandated by the USDA federal order or the Agency, fairs should consider requiring HPAI H5N1 testing of in-state lactating dairy cattle within 7 days prior to movement to the fair. Cows can shed HPAI H5N1 virus without showing signs of illness and pose a disease transmission threat to other livestock and the public. Pre-event testing of Vermont-origin cattle will help ensure those resident animals pose no greater disease risk than the animals originating from outside of Vermont while these cohorts are exhibited together at the event and after returning home.

Animals from any herd experiencing clinical signs consistent with HPAI H5N1 should not attend fairs, exhibitions, or comingling events.

Clinical signs may include a decrease in feed consumption with a simultaneous decrease in rumination and rumen motility; respiratory signs including clear nasal discharge; and subsequent acute drop in milk production. Additional clinical signs may include abnormal tacky or loose feces, lethargy, dehydration, and fever. Severely affected cattle may have thicker, concentrated, colostrum-like milk or produce no milk at all.

Equine Recommendations

All horses originating from outside of Vermont must travel with a negative equine infectious anemia test (Coggin's test), but even horses that originate from within Vermont should have a negative Coggin's test dated within 12 months of the event. Please note: The Vermont State Fair requires valid negative Coggins within the current calendar year of 2025. Equines should be free of visual evidence of the following conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.

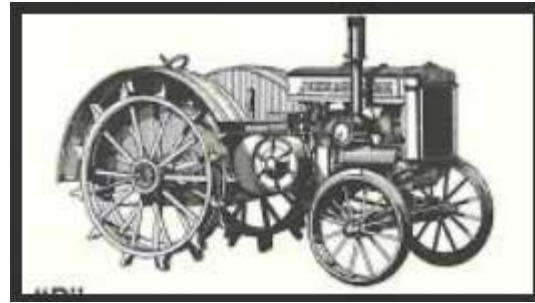
Equine Vaccination for Flu and Rhino (EHV1) between 14 days and 6 months prior to the event is recommended.

Swine Recommendations

In addition to the requirements listed earlier in this document, swine should be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange, and open or draining wounds.

Rabbit Recommendations

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease (RHDV2) is still considered endemic in the western US. While there is a vaccine currently available in Vermont, biosecurity should still be the focus of prevention. A recent veterinary exam and strong biosecurity can reduce the risk of RHDV2, Pasteurella, mites, and other contagious diseases.



50 PLUS YEARS OF THE FARM MUSEUM

Superintendent: Leland Congdon Jr

Come help celebrate 50 plus years of the Farm Museum at the VT State Fair! In 1974, the Farm Museum was established as a joint project between the Rutland Historical Society and the Rutland County Agricultural Society. The mission of the Farm Museum is to educate visitors at the Fair about how agriculture was done in the olden days. The Museum is full of antique farm equipment and so much more. Some of the artifacts in the museum might seem strange and unrelated to farming, but we must realize farms needed to be completely self-sufficient in the past. These artifacts demonstrate our forebearers ingenuity and creative spirit. Please come take a look at the Farm Museum and celebrate over 50 years at the Fair.

ANTIQUA TRACTOR COMPETITION & EXHIBIT

Sponsored by Timco Jewelers

Polish up the iron... or bring it straight out of the working field! Get it to the fair! Entries are accepted up to opening at 5pm on Tuesday August 12th. No cost to enter! Tractors will be securely locked at night and on display in the President's building.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Best in Show \$250.00

1ST place \$150.00

2nd place \$100.00

3rd place \$30.00 Gift Card

Entry form is located at the back of the premium book and online. We will also have the entry forms available at the President's building when you bring in your tractor(s). Thank you to Tim at Timco Jewelers for sponsoring our Antiqua Tractor Competition!

58th FAIR SPONSORED ART EXHIBIT

Superintendent: Ms. Linda C. Brown

Telephone: 802-770-2628

No entry fee required, but 20% commission will be charged for any sale.

DATES

August 12 – August 16

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED on Saturday August 9 between the hours of 1:00pm and 6:00pm and Sunday August 10 between the hours of 1:00pm and 6:00pm.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE REMOVED on Sunday August 17 between 11:00am and 2:00pm. All paintings must be left up for the duration of the show. If it is not possible for you to remove your painting on Sunday, please arrange to have someone else pick them up for you or notify the superintendent in advance. There will be no one to guard them after this time.

ENTRIES

Separate entry forms for the Art Exhibit are located in FORMS on the website or at the end of this book. Please fill out carefully, ONE FOR EACH ARTIST. This information on entry forms and labels is how we keep track of you and your work. WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO FILL IT OUT FOR YOU. Without both being filled out, your work cannot be accounted for.

LABELS

Two information labels must be filled out and attached to each painting. One must be on the back, in the upper left-hand corner and one must be on the front, in the lower left-hand corner in case one is lost. They may be taped underneath the edge of the frame as to not harm the finish. These must be printed neatly, or typed, so that they may be easily read and include the name of the painting, and price if it is for sale. If you do not want the painting to be for sale, please write N.F.S. in the proper blank. If you are under 18 years old, please write your age on the label. Entry form must also accompany paintings, or we will not have a record of you or your work.

ELIGIBILITY

Painting must be accepted by a qualified jury, which may rule out any works considered unsuitable for this show. All work must be original handwork, not copies. No numbered paintings will be accepted. No nude pictures will be accepted.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Art Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

DIVISIONS

Child ages 12 and under

Junior ages 13-17

Amateur

Professional

Premiums will be awarded in each division.

Best of Show- \$20.00; 1st place - \$10.00; 2nd place - \$7.50; 3rd place - \$5.00.

Any painting which has been previously entered in this show is not eligible to be judged again. In fairness to all, we ask that anyone who is asked to judge, please withdraw his or her work from the judging.

Each exhibitor may submit ten paintings.

ALL PAINTINGS MUST BE SUITABLY FRAMED. ALL FRAMES MUST CARRY WIRE AND SCREW EYES, placed $\frac{1}{4}$ distance from top of frame to enable them to be hung securely on the wall, or they will not be accepted. Please do not use string or attempt to attach wire or frame to painting with any type of tape. Even duct tape will loosen from moisture in the air and the painting will fall.

WATERCOLORS and GRAPHIC ART MUST BE FRAMED UNDER GLASS. Please make sure the glass is safely secured in the frame and will not come out. We cannot accept sculptures or crafts at the present time due to limited space. Enter only original work please. No number painting accepted.

LIABILITY Reasonable care will be taken in handling paintings, but it must be understood that all paintings are exhibited at the Owner's risk.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Superintendent: Marge Christy

230 Carver Falls Road Whitehall, NY 12887

Telephone: 802-353-1855 (please leave a message, I won't answer the phone if I don't recognize the number)

No entry fee required. 10% commission charged on sales.

Entries will only be accepted on Sunday August 10, 2025, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm and Monday August 11, 2025, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Tuesday will be used to judge and get the display ready for opening.

Please enter your exhibits carefully by giving a brief description of each item on the entry form provided. Entry forms can also be obtained at the Fair Office.

DO NOT MAIL ENTRY FORMS!

If you would like to enter our Best Quilt, Best Afghan, or Best Handiwork by an entrant 70 year or older, please indicate this on your entry form.

Entries are to be picked up on Sunday August 17, 2025, between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

All entries must be completed within the fair year.

NOTE: ARTICLES MUST NOT HAVE BEEN USED OR WORN BEFORE ENTRY IN THE FAIR!

Prizes will not be allowed on any articles which have been entered previously at this fair. Unworthy, soiled, worn, badly wrinkled or improperly blocked articles will not be judged.

No exhibitor will be allowed to show more than ten (10) articles and no more than five (5) of one thing such as plastic canvas, doilies, etc.

Knit or crochet garments MAY have machine sewn ribbons, zippers, buttonholes, or waistband.

No artificial flower arrangement will be accepted.

PAINTING and other Fine Art WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Enter all Art in the ART DEPARTMENT.

Care will be taken in handling all articles, but it must be understood that all articles are exhibited at the owner's risk.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Arts & Crafts Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

Divisions:

- Child ages 7 & under
- Child ages 8-13 years
- Child ages 14-17 years
- Adult ages 18 years and above

The Children's Exhibit will include all types of crafts and handwork made by the exhibitor.

Entrants may be asked for proof of originality. Paper construction will not be accepted.

Category 1

QUILTS & AFGHANS (crochet or knit) NOTE: Due to limited space, Twin size and Full-size Quilts are preferred, but all sizes will be accepted.

Premiums for Quilts (twin & full size) and for Afghans (crochet or knit) are:

1st place \$15.00 2nd place \$13.75 3rd place \$12.50

Category 2

Premiums for Children are 1st place \$3.75; 2nd place \$2.50; and 3rd place \$1.25

Premiums for Adults are 1st place \$5.00; 2nd place \$3.75; 3rd place \$2.50

Lap Quilt

Small & Baby Afghans

Sofa Pillow (crewel, smocked, patchwork, cross stitch, etc)

Wall Hangings (embroidered, crocheted, patchwork, cross stitch, etc)

Pictures, framed (cross stitch, crewel, etc)

Pillowcases, pair (embroidered and/or trim, sewn)

Placemats (set)

Hat or Cap (kids or adults) crocheted, knit, or sewn

Tablecloths (crocheted, embroidered, or sewn)

Shawl (crocheted, knit, etc)

Handbags (sewn, crocheted, knit, etc)

Dolls (handmade completely)

Dolls (dressed)

Sweater or Poncho- adults or kids (knit or crocheted)

Sweater, Bonnet, Booties set (knit or crocheted)

Other baby garments (knit or crocheted)

Apron

Dresses, Skirts, Jumper, or Pinafore (adults or kids)

Coat (adults or kids)

Shirt or Blouse (adults or kids)

Socks (adults or kids)

Mittens & Gloves (adults or kids)

Slippers (adults or kids)

Doilies

Rugs (hooked, braided, crocheted, and/or hand woven)

Potholders- set of 4 (sewn, crochet, etc)

String Art

Tissue Holder

Pottery

Latch Hook

Necklaces, Bracelets, Earrings or 3-piece set

Christmas decoration

Wood Carvings

Decorative Painting (slate or wood)

Woodenware (painted)

Tray (painted)

Lamp (wood base, handmade)

Toys (handmade)

Picture (seed)

Shelf (wood, handmade)

Decorative or useful object (wrought iron)

Panels (mosaic, tapestry or crocheted)

Plaques (wood, carved, or barn board)

Painted Basket Covers

Folk Art Painting on wood or tin

Applehead or Corn Husk

Rosemaling (painting)

Quilted Tote Bag

Miscellaneous

Best quilt by entrant aged 70 years or older \$8.75

Best handiwork by entrant aged 70 years or older \$8.75

Best afghan by entrant aged 70 years or older \$8.75

Best of Show Quilt \$37.50

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Special categories will be judged on originality, creativity, and workmanship.

CHILDREN

Premiums: 1st place \$8.00; 2nd place \$6.00; 3rd place \$5.00

Ages 11 & under

- Special category #1 Pool Noodle Craft
- Special category #2 Paper Mache Craft (example: mask, pinata, cartoon character, or use your imagination)
- Special category #3 Lighted Hot Air Balloon (use small battery tea lights)

No kits can be used. Judged on originality, creativity, and workmanship.

Ages 12-17

- Special category #1 Insects (example: spiders, dragonflies, ants, butterflies, etc. Can be made out of wood, wire, nuts, bolts, etc)
- Special category #2 Decorated Picture Frame (use your own pictures taken within fair year from 9/24 thru 8/25. You may purchase the frame but must be decorated by entrant)
- Special category #3 Make A Wizard Hat

No kits can be used. Judged on originality, creativity, and workmanship.

ADULT

Premiums are as follows: 1st place \$10.00; 2nd place \$7.50; 3rd place \$5.00

- Special category #1 Make a Masquerade Mask
- Special category #2 Make a Decorated Hat From Any Era You Choose (example: twenties, thirties, forties, etc)
- Special category #3 Make a Kite- Be creative!

Category For Whole Family To Do Together

Premiums are as follows: 1st place \$10.00; 2nd place \$7.50; 3rd place \$5.00

Halloween Theme (example: mummies, witches, scarecrows, monsters, pumpkin people, etc. Be creative and have fun doing this as a family!)

No kits can be used. Judged on originality, creativity, and workmanship.

ARTS & CRAFTS – RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY

Premiums: 1st \$5.00; 2nd \$3.75; 3rd \$2.50; 4th \$1.25

Premiums from winning entries will be paid in a lump sum to the respective Residential Care Facility Activity Fund. Winning residents shall receive ribbons corresponding to their placing.

Each participant should be assigned a number. Place this number on the label provided with the name of the facility.

All items for judging, along with entry form and labels, should be brought to the superintendent of either Arts and Crafts or the Art Department, in the President's Building, on Sunday, August 10th from 12:00-5:00pm or on Monday, August 11th from 12:00pm-5:00pm. All items must be made by the participant.

If you wish your items to be available for sale, please indicate such on the labels provided and the selling price. This money will be added to the premiums paid.

All items are to be picked up on Sunday, August 17th from 12:00pm-2:00pm, unless other arrangements are made.

Care will be taken in the handling of all items. All articles are exhibited at the owner's risk.

2025 BUCKET OF JUNK SCULPTURE CONTEST

Sponsored by Home Depot
 Superintendent: Marsha Johnson
 Phone: 802-775-7212

The competition is presented by The Vermont State Fair and the finished sculptures will be displayed in the President's Building during the fair. No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Bucket of Junk contest will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

Procedure for Entering Bucket of Junk

1. The contest is limited to 15 applicants (individual or team) and will be on first come first serve basis. There will be a waiting list to replace any applicant that drops out of the contest before the fair, as well as any applicant that does not collect their bucket of supplies.
2. Buckets must be picked up at the Vermont State Fair Office, 175 South Main Street in Rutland between July 9th and July 11th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Any buckets remaining after July 11th will go to the next applicant on the waiting list.
3. All sculptures must be dropped off at the President's Building on Monday, August 11th, 2025, between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. If this time is not convenient, please contact the superintendent before August 11th to schedule an appointment for dropping off. No exceptions.
4. When delivering the sculpture, please return your bucket. Your sculpture will remain on display from August 12th -16th, 2025, the duration of the Fair.
5. Sculptures are to be picked up on Sunday, August 17th, 2025, between 12:00pm and 3:00pm. Any sculpture not claimed at 3:00pm will be disposed of.

Judging Criteria:

- A. Contestant used only the materials that we provided (required)... 25%
- B. Contestant used materials in a new way to create something different... 25%
- C. Contestant's ideas are recognizable (clarity of the idea) ... 25%
- D. Contestant's overall finished appearance of the sculpture, including the difficulty of the piece and how well it was made... 25%

Premiums:

1st place \$75.00; 2nd place \$50.00; 3rd place \$25.00

Presentation:

- A. The objective of "Bucket of Junk" is to create a sculpture using only the items in the bucket. A sculpture is defined as a three-dimensional work of art that can be viewed from 360 degrees.
- B. All sculptures must be submitted presentation-ready to be accepted. Sculptures not meeting this requirement may not be judged.
- C. The judges must know where you used each item in the bucket. Please note, you must use each item. You do not need to use the entire item in your sculpture but there must be enough used to make it visible. The only optional pieces in the bucket are the packaging from different items, i.e., cardboard packaging, plastic bag, etc. However, if you want to use it, you may, they are just not mandatory.
- D. You may not add any additional items to your sculpture. Only the items in the bucket are permitted to be part of your sculpture. The bucket may not be used as part of the sculpture. There will be a list of contents in each bucket. Please indicate on the list where each item was used. Please return this list completely filled out when you drop off your sculpture.
- E. You can cut, weld, melt, paint, shave, curl, staple, or glue these items to make your sculpture.
- F. You may connect your entry to a solid base for stability, if needed. The base cannot be part of your sculpture. The base must also be smaller than the sculpture and is NOT to be painted. The base will not be considered part of your sculpture so it will not be judged.
- G. The bucket and contents list must be returned when you enter your sculpture, and the bucket may not be used as part of the entry.
- H. Any sculpture larger than 20"L x 20"W will automatically be disqualified.
- I. Your sculpture must be completely finished when it arrives. No painting, construction, etc will be allowed after you bring it in.

CULINARY ARTS

Superintendent: Christy Davis

Telephone: 802-683-9126

Entry must be prepared by the Entrant!

Accompany all entries with the recipe with the entrant's name and address on the back of it.

Wrap entries in cellophane or plastic and submit them in disposable containers only.

Entries that require refrigeration are judged but disposed of if they show spoilage.

All entries become the Fair's property and may be offered for sale.

Products made with commercial mixes will not be judged.

The Fair Association authorizes the Superintendent to reject any entry not in compliance with the above rules.

Entries will be accepted daily between 11:00am and 11:30am with judging to follow.

All winners will receive a ribbon as well as a cash prize listed.

Please enter through Dana Gate when bringing entries to the President's Building. One person will be allowed on the grounds to deliver your entry. No judge, Superintendent, or paid employees of the Culinary Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

Judging Criteria

Pies- Appearance, Size and Shape, Crust (texture flaky, tender), Flavor (pleasing), Filling (natural, well blended), Consistency (fruit moist but not syrupy, well-cooked filling, smooth and soft shape), Meringue (light, tender, slightly sweet)

Doughnuts & Cupcakes- Degree of Difficulty, Appearance, Flavor, Uniformity of Design.

Cookies & Brownies- Appearance (uniform, not too thick, not over 3"), Texture. Flavor.

Éclairs- Appearance, Flavor (pleasing), Filling (well blended).

Cheesecakes- Appearance, Flavor (pleasing), Texture (smooth, well blended)

Quick breads- Shape, crust, texture, flavor.

Candy- Appearance, texture, flavor, consistency, color and taste.

Count of items for entries:

Pies, cakes, quick bread and the like, one (1).

Cookies, cupcakes, muffins and the like, six (6).

Adult Contests (ages 13 and older)

Premiums for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:

1st place \$20.00; 2nd place \$15.00; 3rd place \$10.00

Premiums for Saturday:

1st place \$25.00; 2nd place \$20.00; 3rd place \$15.00

Wednesday, August 13th

Lemon of My Eye Day- Any item that is lemon in flavor.

Thursday, August 14th

Red, White, and Blue Day- Any item that has the colors and/or ingredients that are red, white, and blue.

Friday, August 15th

Zucchini Day- Anything that has zucchini as the main ingredient flavor.

Saturday, August 16th
Ruthie Meigs Memorial Pie Contest
Pie (8" or 9" pie) any flavor/kind.

Children's Contests (ages 6 to 12)

Premiums for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
1st place \$6.25; 2nd place \$5.00; 3rd place \$3.75

Premiums for Saturday:
1st place \$12.50; 2nd place \$10.00; 3rd place \$7.50

Wednesday, August 13th
Snickerdoodle Cookie Monster Day- Make your favorite
snickerdoodle cookies.

Thursday, August 14th
Red, White, and Blue Day- Any item that has the colors
and/or ingredients that are red, white, and blue.

Friday, August 15th
Cupcake Day- Make your most yummy cupcakes & wow us!

Saturday, August 16th
Ruthie Meigs Memorial Pie Contest
Pies (8" or 9" pie) any flavor/kind.

REGISTERED DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent: Rhonda Hart
802-342-0604
rshart3771@gmail.com

All breeds will be on the grounds at the same time.

We have been chosen to be the Eastern National Lineback
Show.

The exhibiting schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 13
Pee Wee classes at 5:30pm

Friday, August 15
Heifer classes will show at 9am
Cow classes will show following the completion of the
heifer classes.

At the conclusion of the show, we will pick an "All Breeds"
Supreme Champion

Judge: TBD

**We will conduct an end of season barn meeting on Satur-
day. We will let everyone know the location at that time.**

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES:

Arrival time for All Breeds will be starting at 6am and in
place by 12pm on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. They must
remain in place until 10pm on Saturday, August 16, 2025.

**The Expectation is that people will stay Saturday night
and leave on Sunday morning.**

Please Note: No early arrivals for animals

Displays may be set up at any time before arrival.

**We will have a night watch person this year, for the barn
areas only, from 10pm to 4am.**

All cattle are to remain in place until released by the Dairy
Superintendent.

EARLY DEPARTURES WILL FORFEIT PREMIUMS!

HORNS:

Only de-horned or naturally polled animals will be eligible
to show. Any animal having 1" from the skin at the base of
the horn to tip will be disqualified.

MILKING PARLOR: (TBD)

The milking parlor will be available to all who wish to use
it. It will be ready for 5am-6am and 5pm-6pm with excep-
tions on/before "showing" of cows.

We would like to thank John Kerr for his continued support
and generous donation of the parlor supplies. The parlor
will be open to use starting on Tuesday evening August 12,
2025. Cattle can still be milked in the barns via portable
milking machines; however, we need to make sure that the
milk is properly disposed of.

Please plan on the Milking Parlor closing by 7am Sunday,
August 17th.

ENTRIES:

Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, July
12, 2025. A \$5.00 entry fee for each individual animal
must accompany the entry forms.

Mail Entries to:

Vermont State Fair
Attn: Secretary
PO Box 10
Rutland, VT 05702

Please email a scanned copy of each entry form:
rshart3771@gmail.com

There will be a late fee of \$2.00 per head for entries post-
marked after July 12, 2025.

After August 1st, the late fee will be \$5.00 per head.

No payment is needed for group classes.

Please print all information completely on the entry forms,
especially birth dates, and breed.

4-H Open Show Entries:

All 4-H entries that entered in the Open Show, must abide by all Open Show rules and including the above entry deadlines.

***Please note: 4-H entries into Open Show will now have a fee of \$5.00 per person only (not per animal). You must specify you are 4-H on the entry form. ***

All 4-H members using the milking parlor during the fair will require adult supervision to accompany you. If a stall is needed outside of the 4-H area, please let the Superintendent know and one will be provided to you.

With all breeds on the fairgrounds at the same time, location in barns will be designated by the Superintendent upon arrival of animals. Registration and health papers will be checked as you arrive on the fairgrounds.

Class #	Description:	Dates:
#1	Summer Calf	Born June 1, 2025-June 30, 2025
#2	Spring Calf	Born March 1, 2025-May 31, 2025
Class #	Description:	Dates:
#3	Winter Calf	December 1, 2024- February 28, 2025
#4	Fall Calf	September 1, 2024- November 30, 2024
#5	Summer Yearling	June 1, 2024- August 31, 2024
#6	Spring Yearling	March 1, 2024- May 31, 2024
#7	Winter Yearling	December 1, 2023- February 28, 2024
#8	Fall Yearling	September 1, 2023- November 30, 2023
#9	Junior 3 Best Females	

	<u>All must be bred by Exhibitor, only 1 needs to be presently owned by Exhibitor. One entry per Exhibitor. All animals must be in classes 1-9. One group per farm.</u>	
	<u>All Dry Cows have to be shown in 1 of 2 dry classes.</u>	
#10	Dry Young Cow	Born on or after September 1, 2019
#11	Dry Aged Cow	Born on or before August 31, 2019
#12	Junior 2 Year Old	March 1, 2023- August 31, 2023 (Including any Senior Yearling in Milk)
#13	Senior 2 Year Old	September 1, 2022- February 28, 2023
#14	Junior 3 Year Old	March 1, 2022- August 31, 2022
Class #	Description:	Dates:
#15	Senior 3 Year Old	September 1, 2021- February 28, 2022
#16	4 Year Old	September 1, 2020- August 31, 2021
#17	5 Year Old	September 1, 2019- August 31, 2020
#18	Aged Cow	Born Before September 1, 2019
#19	Dam & Daughter	Both must be shown in their individual classes. Limited 1 Entry per Farm.

#20	Get-Of-Sire	3 Animals sired by the same bull. All animals must be shown in their individual classes. Limited 1 Entry per Farm.
#21	Produce of Dam	2 Daughters from the same dam. Dam doesn't need to be present, but all must be shown in the individual classes. Limited 1 Entry per Farm.
#22	Senior 3 Best Female	All must be bred by Exhibitor; only 1 needs to be presently owned by Exhibitor. Limited 1 entry per farm and only 1 Junior Animal is allowed in this group.
Class #	Description:	Dates:
#23	Group of Four	1 Entry per Farm, any age. All must be shown in their respective classes, all must be owned by the Exhibitor.
#24	Senior Champion/ Senior Reserve Champion	
#25	Supreme Grand Champion/ Supreme Reserve Champion	

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All animals are required to have shipping fever and rabies vaccinations. Rabies needs to be at least 30 days prior to the start of VT State Fair. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required to certify the animals have been vaccinated.

Mandatory Testing for Interstate Movement of Dairy Cattle: Prior to interstate movement, dairy cattle are

required to receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.

CAMPING FEE: Camper parking is available with campers to be parked to the right of the Mandigo Area. You may arrive a few days before the fair begins. You will not be charged for staying on site if you are not using hookup and not staying on site. The cost will be \$35 per night; payment must be sent with entries to ensure you will have a camper slot. Campers and cattle trailers will be parked in the same place as the previous year. Camper applications are located at the end of the book and mailed to: Vermont State Fair Attn: Secretary PO Box 10 Rutland, VT 05702

CATTLE ENTRY PASSES: We will be using a pass system again this year. In short, you will need to provide a ticket every day at the gate to obtain a bracelet that the gate staff will put on you. Each day the bracelet will be a different color. Each farm will be provided (2) free entry passes per day, which include free parking, for the duration of the fair. Additional passes may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$6 per day. Every exhibitor will always need to have the correct colored bracelet on to be on grounds. The bracelet color will change every day. Please include your request for these additional passes on your entry form with payment. All entry passes will be handed out by the Superintendent on August 12, 2025.

GENERAL RULES: All animals will be shown from the ring and exhibitors must be ready to bring them out when called for judging; failure to do so entails forfeiture of all premiums. No one will be allowed in the ring during judging except judges and attendants with animals. The judge may, at their discretion, require any cow to be milked before them in the ring. For an exhibitor to be eligible to show an animal, the title of ownership of the animal shown must be on the registration certificate at the time of the exhibition. Registration papers will be checked for this purpose. You must submit the name of the sire and dam of each animal. You must also include the name and age of the animal being entered.

WASH RACKS: Only (2) cows per farm at the wash rack. Everyone needs to wash their animals. Please be respectful of others.

CLIPPING CHUTES: Please clip your animals outside the barn areas. This will allow visitors to flow in/out of areas with minimal obstacles and to keep our inside barn areas clean. After clipping, please clean up your area of hair and debris.

STALL/OUTSIDE WALKWAY CLEANLINESS: During the fair, please keep visitor walkways, wash areas & barn walkways clean and free of manure. Everyone should play a part in keeping our fair areas clean to the best of our ability. Before leaving the fairgrounds, we need everyone to make sure all your bedding is pulled from your stalls and placed in the center aisle.

RITA TRACEY JR HERDSMAN TROPHY: The Rita Tracey Jr. Herdsman Trophy will be given to a Junior Exhibitor that

shows. The basis for this award will be the neatness and cleanliness of animals, area and sportsmanship during the stay at the fair, in the barn and most importantly in the ring. Some other areas that come into play are helpfulness to other exhibitors, obeying the show and barn rule, and anyone seen helping the youth of our program. Cattle must be kept clean and in good condition throughout the entire stay with us at the fair.

WILLIAM WEEKS MEMORIAL SHOWMANSHIP SHOW:

The Bill Weeks Memorial Showmanship Award is a rotating trophy given annually at the Vermont State Fair to the champion youth dairy showman. Any exhibitor is welcome regardless of participation in 4-H or open shows. Although animals should be in show condition, they may be of any breed and need not be owned by exhibitor, as judging criteria emphasizes showmanship rather than fitting. Judging will begin with the Junior PeeWee Class at 10:00am on August 16, 2025, in the dairy show arena. Adult showmanship classes will follow the youth championship class. Participants may sign up in the dairy arena anytime during

fair week, and advance signup is appreciated. Registration will be held 1 hour prior to the show. Sponsored by the Southern VT Holstein Club.

PREMIUM EXHIBITOR AND BREEDER: The Exhibitor winning the most points, not to exceed 6 animals in the single classes, exhibited by himself, shall be designated the Premium Exhibitor and Premium Breeder. It shall be the responsibility of each breeder to the Superintendent of animals bred by him but shown by others.

Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder Point System:

Senior Female		Junior Female	
1	20	1	10
2	18	2	9
3	16	3	8
4	14	4	7
5	12	5	6

The premiums are as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
2	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
3	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
4	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
5	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
6	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
7	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
8	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
9	\$46.25	\$43.75	\$40.00	\$37.50	\$33.75	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00
10	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
11	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
12	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
13	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
14	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
15	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
16	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00
17	\$33.75	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50
18	\$33.75	\$31.25	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$18.75	\$15.00	\$12.50
19	\$47.50	\$43.75	\$41.25	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$31.25	\$28.75	\$25.00
20	\$47.50	\$43.75	\$41.25	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$31.25	\$28.75	\$25.00
21	\$47.50	\$43.75	\$41.25	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$31.25	\$28.75	\$25.00
22	\$62.50	\$60.00	\$56.25	\$53.75	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$43.75	\$41.25
23	\$87.50	\$81.25	\$75.00	\$68.75	\$62.50	\$56.25	\$50.00	\$43.75
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FLORICULTURE

Bergstrom Building Superintendent:
Patti Westburg
Telephone: 802-353-6976

All non-professional gardeners are encouraged to enter. No entry fee is required. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor. Sturdy, water retaining containers must be used. Floral foam (oasis) is allowed in any cut flower display, but not dry foam. No dyeing of flowers or any artificial enhancements are allowed. No artificial flowers will be accepted for display. No individual shall enter a category more than once; however, entries in several categories are encouraged, including daily entries.

Entries will be accepted in the display area on Tuesday, August 12th from 10:00am until 6:00pm (Daily arrangements will be accepted daily Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00am to 6:00pm each day.) On Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Judging will take place on Wednesday, August 13th. In the absence of competition, the premium awarded will be based on the merit of the display. No premiums will be awarded on entries not judged as worthy. All winners will receive cash prizes as well as ribbons.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Floriculture Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

All entries must remain for display until the end of the Fair on Saturday at 11:00pm. The checks will be mailed. Please pick up entry on Sunday August 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Fair Association will not be responsible for any entries after 1:00pm on Sunday.

COLLECTION

A collection is a single variety of homegrown flowers displayed in water, including 3-6 blooms (unless otherwise stated). Containers will not be judged, but should be suitable for the display.

Premiums awarded in this category:

1st place \$6.25; 2nd place \$5.00; 3rd place \$3.75

1. Asters
2. Coleus
3. Cosmos
4. Marigold
5. Snapdragons
6. Strawflowers
7. Zinnias
8. Sunflower (not over 6" diameter)
9. Hydrangea
10. Dahlia- small (4" or smaller)
11. Dahlia-medium (4"-8")

12. Dahlia- large (8" or larger)
13. Roses
14. Rudbeckia

Gladiola – One spike. Displayed in water.

15. Gladiola - yellow
16. Gladiola- red
17. Gladiola- green
18. Gladiola- purple
19. Gladiola-pink
20. Gladiola- salmon
21. Gladiola- blotched
22. Gladiola-white
23. Gladiola- lavender
24. Gladiola- orange
25. Gladiola- cream
26. Magenta
27. All colors not listed

ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangement shall include between 6 and 12 blooms, baby's breath, greens and other small flowers. Oasis may be used. Container will be judged.

Premiums awarded in this category:

1st place \$8.75; 2nd place \$7.50; 3rd place \$6.25

28. Marigold arrangement
29. Mixed garden flowers
30. Rose arrangement
31. Dahlia arrangement
32. Gladiola arrangement
33. Zinnia arrangement
34. Sunflower arrangement
35. Phlox arrangement
36. Echinacea (Coneflower) all colors
37. Hydrangea arrangement
38. Aster arrangement
39. Snap dragon arrangement
40. Cosmo Arrangement
41. Strawflower arrangement

POTTED PLANTS

Only the plants will be judged. No merit given to containers. Pot size limited to 12" Dia. or length

1st place \$7.00; 2nd place \$6.00; 3rd place \$5.00

42. African Violets
43. Cactus and succulents
44. Citrus plants
45. Orchids
46. Dish garden/terrarium
47. Begonias
48. Streptocarpus
49. Outdoor/Patio plant- grown for foliage
50. Outdoor/Patio plant- grown for bloom

CHILDREN (Ages 4-12) entry must be planted and grown by child.

Premiums awarded in this category:

1st place \$6.25; 2nd place \$5.00; 3rd place \$3.75

51. Marigold-single bloom
52. Zinnia- single bloom
53. Sunflower- single bloom
54. Bouquet of wildflowers
55. Single bloom snap dragon

DAILY FLORAL ENTRIES

Greens, Baby's Breath and Oasis may be used. Other than the wildflowers, all flowers must be grown by the exhibitor and will be judged on creativity, workmanship, and originality.

Premiums awarded in this category:

1st place \$8.75; 2nd place \$7.50; 3rd place \$6.25

Tuesday August 12th

1. Celosia arrangement
2. Your favorite flowers vase or arrangement

Wednesday August 13th

1. Tea Cup or Tea Pot arrangement
2. Fairy Garden

Thursday August 14th

1. Pink arrangement
2. Boot or shoe arrangement

Friday August 15th

1. Purple and White arrangement
2. Wildflower arrangement

Saturday August 16th 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

1. Mixed Flower arrangement
2. Herb arrangement

REMINDER: Daily arrangements will be accepted between 11:00am and 6:00pm Tuesday through Friday and Saturday from 10:00am and 2:00pm.

LIABILITY: Reasonable care will be taken when displaying plants and flowers but understand that all entries are exhibited at the owner's risk.

GRANGE FAIR EXHIBIT

Bergstrom Building

Superintendent — Jessica Falker

Tel: 802-483-4330

Email: jjem1999@yahoo.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

All entries must be submitted by a current member of a Vermont Grange, or a person who applies for Grange membership at the time of entry (this will be allowed 1 year only). Entries may also be submitted under the name of a Vermont Grange if they were done collaboratively by more than one member.

All items must be received at the Grange Dept. on Monday August 11th between 1pm-6pm and must be picked up on Sunday August 17th between 1pm – 4pm, unless other arrangements are made with the Superintendent. Each exhibitor must bring a list of items being entered with contact info. You may enter more than one item in each category, but very similar items may be judged as a set. Items entered cannot have been submitted to the Grange Dept. any previous year.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Grange department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

Unless otherwise noted, ribbons and prizes will be awarded based on the merit of each entry in the amount of: 1st place \$3.75; 2nd place \$2.50; 3rd place \$1.25. A Best of Show ribbon may be given in each category: vegetables/fruits, culinary arts, flowers, crafts, writing, and art/photography.

VEGETABLES & FRUITS

Vegetables and fruits grown by the exhibitor in the following quantities:

Small (i.e. beans, grape tomatoes, etc.) – 5

Medium (i.e. potatoes, apples, tomatoes, etc.) – 3

Large (i.e. broccoli heads, large squashes, etc.) – 1

CANNING & CULINARY ARTS

Any edible item must be canned, or otherwise preserved by the exhibitor in the past year; such as jams, relish, salsa, maple syrup, etc. Please be sure jars are clean, rust-free, and properly sealed. Jars will not be opened and judging will be based on appearance. Other edible items such as cookies, cakes, eggs, honey, jerky, etc. should also be entered in this category.

FLOWERS & HOUSEPLANTS

A houseplant, or three blooms of any flower grown by the exhibitor, such as roses, asters, gladiolas, marigolds, etc. Please provide your own containers, which will not be judged.

CRAFTS

Any handcrafted item made by the exhibitor. Suggested entries include crocheted/knitted items, needlework, dolls, pottery, woodcraft, jewelry, scrapbooks, etc.

WRITING

Writing entries must be limited to one standard 8.5" X 11" page and be appropriate for all ages. Accepted forms include limericks, poetry, book reviews, essays, short stories, etc.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Any flat surface visual art such as painting, drawing, digital art, photography, etc. All entries must be framed or mounted, and must be at least 5" by 7"

BOOTH EXHIBITS

Theme: "The Grange: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Booth space is available for any Junior Grange, Subordinate/Pomona Grange, and any State Grange Department. Juniors' booths must be designed primarily by Junior members (age 5-14). Please pre-register with the Grange Dept. Superintendent by August 1st. Booth size is 8 ft. wide x 4 ft. deep x 4 ft. tall. Booths should be set up Monday August 11th between 1pm-6pm and taken down on Sunday August 17th between 1pm-4pm, unless other arrangements are made with the Superintendent.

1st place \$62.50; 2nd place \$50.00; 3rd place \$37.50.
All other entries will be awarded Honorable Mention of \$25.00.

GRANGE DAY!

Stop by the Grange Dept. on Saturday August 16th for special activities and giveaways all day long for Grange members! Junior and Youth members, age 5-17, will be admitted free to the Fair this day but must contact the Superintendent by August 1st to receive their free ticket.

HORSE PULLING

Superintendent: Robert Allen
PO Box 44, Reading, Vermont 05062
Tel: 802-484-5027

LOCATION: Pulling Arena

HORSE PULLING CONTEST

NOTE: Still Only 2 classes of Horse Pulling in 2025

Wednesday August 13th - Weighing from 9:00am

Note: All 12' Pulls

CLASS

3330 & under/ 1:00PM

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$240	\$210	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$130	\$120	\$110

Free For All/ 5:00PM

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$250	\$220	\$190	\$175	\$160	\$150	\$140	\$130

HORSE PULLING WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE EASTERN DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES.

All horses and ponies temporarily imported into Vermont for purposes of participating in any pulling event, exhibit or other competition must be accompanied by the following:

- A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI - commonly called a health chart) including the complete description of the horse and completed and signed within 30 days of import by a veterinarian licensed and accredited in the state of origin; or a CVI dated within 6 months (180 days) of importation accompanied by an exhibition permit obtained by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. To obtain an exhibition permit, contact the Agency's Animal Health Office at (802) 828-2421.
- A valid negative EIA test record (negative Coggins test), containing a complete description of the horse and completed and signed by a veterinarian licensed and accredited in the state of origin. This negative test record must be dated within 12 months of entry into Vermont and is required for all horses 6 months of age or older and for any weanling traveling without the dam, regardless of age.

Any owner, competitor or handler in possession of a horse or pony at a Vermont pulling event or other competition or exhibit without the required CVI, exhibition permit where applicable, and negative Coggins test chart is subject to dismissal from the grounds and from the state by the Vermont State Veterinarian or his or her designee.

All horse teams will be weighed at the Vermont State Fair on the day of the pull.

All entries subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

MAPLE PRODUCTS

Superintendent: Jake Nichols
Phone 802-342-2507

Exhibitors are allowed only one syrup entry in each class, per producer. Entries will be received at the Sugar House, Tuesday, August 12th from Noon until 8:00pm, which is the entry deadline. All exhibits will be judged at 8:00pm Wednesday August 13th.

All exhibits of maple syrup must be delivered to the Vermont State Fair with the name and address of the producer thereon. Exhibits in categories 1 through 6 shall be delivered without the producer's identification thereon but accompanied by the name and address of the producer.

All entries except for displays and scenes will become property of the Rutland County Maple Producers. Scenes and displays must be picked up between 9:00 am and 1:00pm on Sun. August 17th.

Any unclaimed scenes or display become the property of the Rutland County Maple Producers.

THE EXHIBITOR UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT ONCE AN EXHIBIT IS ACCEPTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, IT CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN.

In offering an exhibit the exhibitor guarantees that the syrup and /or maple product offered for exhibit is from the current year's crop without exception.

Exhibitors, please be sure to check the quantity, size and type of container for each entry. This is very important to have more uniformity in the exhibits.

The Management reserves the right and privilege to reduce the money awards listed below in case an inadequate number of entries in any class which may indicate a lack of interest on the part of sugar makers in that area or that fail to provide an interesting and informative exhibit for Fair patrons.

Judges will give no awards to entries which in their judgment are not worthy of a premium. Entries from State or Federal Government Farms are not eligible for cash prizes. Winners' will be posted as soon as possible after the completion of the judging.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Maple Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

CLASS 1 - MAPLE PRODUCTS ADULT SHOW

Product Premiums: 1st - \$31.25; 2nd - \$25.00; 3rd - \$18.75

1. Maple Syrup,
Grade A, Golden Color/ Delicate Taste
Grade A, Amber Color/ Rich Taste
Grade A, Dark Color / Robust Taste
Grade A, Very Dark Color / Strong Taste

Premiums: 1st place \$25.00; 2nd place \$18.75; 3rd place \$12.50

2. Maple Sugar, small cakes
3. Maple Cream, one half pound glass
4. Maple Fudge, Pure with Nuts
5. Maple Granulated (Indian Sugar) 8 oz
6. Maple Novelties (at least 8 oz)
7. Maple Displays, scenes and crafts

Exhibits qualifying for excellent will receive a \$10 award. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd will not receive excellent ribbons, but corresponding ribbons.

Any exhibitor who in any manner whatsoever makes known to the judge before the judging which exhibit, or exhibits, is his or her exhibit shall be disqualified.

Special note: If providing your maple syrup exhibit from quantity larger than a pint, shake the entire quantity so it is well mixed before taking out your exhibit.

JUNIOR SHOW (Exhibitors 16 years and under)

Exhibitors in the Maple Products Junior Show must put their entries in the RCMP sugar house.

4-H Maple entries will be in the 4-H building.

A 4-H maple exhibitor cannot enter the Junior Show, nor can a Junior Show Maple exhibitor enter the 4-H Maple exhibit in the same classes. Any 4-H or Junior Show exhibitor found in violation of the above rule shall forfeit any ribbons and awards.

Premiums: 1st place \$18.75; 2nd place \$16.25; 3rd place \$13.75

1. Maple Syrup,
Grade A, Golden Color/ Delicate Taste
Grade A, Amber Color/ Rich Taste
Grade A, Dark Color / Robust Taste
Grade A, Very Dark Color / Strong Taste

Premiums: 1st place \$16.25; 2nd place \$13.75; 3rd place \$11.25

2. Maple Sugar, small cakes
3. Maple Cream, one half pound glass
4. Maple Fudge, Pure with nuts
5. Maple Granulated (Indian Sugar) 8 oz
6. Maple Novelties (at least 8 oz)

BASIS OF JUDGING ADULTS & JUNIORS

1. Maple Syrup, one pint. Scoring based on each grade's characteristic, clear color, flavor and meeting density standards of 36 degrees Baume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, freedom of cloudiness, foreign matter, or off flavor.

2. Maple sugar, small cakes. Scoring based on flavor, fine distinct "grain," uniform appearance. Sugar must be firm, but not hard or brittle.

3. Maple cream, one half pound glass. Scoring based on flavor, fineness of "grain," uniformity, lack of separation, or possible separation. It must be spread easily with a knife.

4. Maple fudge, Pure with nuts. Scoring based on flavor, appearance, uniformity, fineness of a distinct "grain," and smoothness of texture. Individual pieces must be firm enough to hold shape when cut. It must not shatter or break.

5. Maple granulated (Indian Sugar) 8 oz. Granulated Maple or Indian Sugar shall be made from pure Grade A Dark Amber or Grade A Very Dark Color Maple Syrup without additives. It must possess a good but hearty maple flavor and be very granular without apparent moisture content. Color is immaterial.

6. Maple novelties of at least 8 oz; any novel use of maple not already in listing above. Maple must be an important ingredient used. The recipe must be included, if possible. Each novel entry shall be judged on its own merits. Scoring is based on originality and novelty of the use of maple, as well as the enhancement of maple characteristics. An exhibitor may submit more than one entry in this class.

7. Maple Displays, Scenes and Crafts. Display & scenes depicting the maple harvest, sugarhouse, and the like. Where possible, the "Pure Vermont Maple Syrup" logo should be used. Scenes should be no larger than three feet by three feet. Scoring based upon originality and overall design & workmanship. This class is open to adults & juniors.

OX PULLING

Superintendent: Robert Allen
 PO Box 44, Reading, Vermont 05062
 Tel: 802-484-5027
 LOCATION: Pulling Arena

OX PULLING WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND OX TEAMSTERS RULES.

All ox teams will be weighed at the Vermont State Fair on the day of the pull.

All entries subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

OX-PULLING CONTEST

Thursday August 14th - Weighing from 8:00am

CLASS

Under 2500 lbs/ 11:00am
 Under 2900 lbs/ 1:00pm
 Under 3300 lbs/ 3:00pm
 Free For All/ 6:00pm

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$130	\$115	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50
\$140	\$125	\$110	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60
\$140	\$125	\$110	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60
\$180	\$165	\$150	\$140	\$130	\$120	\$110	\$100

PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendent: Donna J Wilkin
 Phone 802-770-9037
 Email: donnawilkinsphotography@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE: All Photos Must Be Captured in Vermont.

Please call or email with any questions, comments or suggestions.

DATES:

Entries may be dropped off with the superintendent at the Presidents Building on Sunday August 10, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

All photographs must remain hanging in the exhibits for the duration of the fair unless they have been sold.

Photographers will have to pick up their photos at the Presidents Building on Sunday, August 17, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 am & 12:00 pm. If it is not possible for you to drop off or pick up your photos during the posted hours, please find someone to do it for you, as there will be no one here after these times.

As the fair nears, you can find this info on the Fair's website along with the entry form and labels under the Premiums/Exhibits tab.

CLASSES:

- Child: 12 yrs. old and under
- Junior: 13 yrs old to 17 yrs old
- Amateur: 18 and up....the meaning of amateur is somebody with limited skills in or knowing of an activity and is not getting paid for their time or photos on a regular basis.
- Professional: 18 and up....the meaning of professional is somebody who has much knowledge of an activity and they get paid for their time and photos on a regular basis.

ENTRIES:

Please fill out an entry form and hand it into the superintendent when entering your photographs. Entry forms will be located in the premium book or on the fair's website as the fair draws close. Please have the forms and labels filled out when you bring your photos. No entry fee is required, but a 10% commission on any photo sales will go to the Fair.

No judge, superintendent, or any paid employees of the Photography Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

LABELS:

Two information labels must be filled out and attached to each photograph. One on the middle back and one on the front lower left-hand corner on the outside of the clear sleeve hanging below the photo. Please do not put your address on the front label. Please print neatly or type your labels. Front labels must have your name, title of photo, category, class, and price if it is for sale.

ELIGIBILITY:

All classes- Your photos must be 8"x10". They must have an 8"x10" 1/4" thick foam board backing, or equivalent

backing. These can be purchased at Walmart, The Dollar Store or similar stores. You do not have to glue or tape the photo to the board. Just slip both the photo and board into a clear sleeve for the superintendent to hang them. Sleeves can be photo sleeves or clear notebook sleeves. (If notebook sleeves, please cut off the white side tab). Please make sure to tape back any access edges of the sleeves.

Please NO mats or frames.

No more than one print per category unless you are entering the "Open" category in which case you may enter up to 2 photos.

No Nudes Will Be Accepted.

CATEGORIES:

There will be 6 categories.

These categories apply to all classes.

Please remember, all photos must remain up for the duration of the fair.

1. People of Vermont - 1 photo
2. Farm Animals - 1 photo
3. Insects - 1 photo
4. Vermont Farm - 1 photo
5. Black & White (No color in the photo)
6. Open Category - No theme (You may enter up to 2 photos in this category)

NO nudes allowed.

All classes pay premiums as follows:

1st - \$12.50; 2nd - \$10.00; 3rd - \$6.75; Honorable Mention - \$3.75

Best of Show — \$25.00, one for the entire show

People's Choice Award- One for entire show- Gift card to Phototec on Woodstock Avenue in Rutland, Vermont.

LIABILITY:

Reasonable care will be taken when handling your photos, but it must be understood that photos are exhibited at the owner's risk. The superintendent & The Vermont State Fair are not responsible for any lost or stolen photos

TOY DISPLAY

Superintendent: Terry Bruce

Phone: 802-342-0612

Toy Displays will be judged by a group of independent judges.

Toys can range from cars, trucks, tractors, farm sets, Lego®, trains, beanie babies, dolls, and anything a child or adult might play with.

LEGO® display will be a feature again this year.

Displays will need to be set up by noon on Tuesday August 12th, 2025.

An entry fee of \$5.00 per display will be collected at that time for displays entered in the contest.

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place.

For more information, contact the superintendent.

Entry Form, to be brought at the time of setup:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Size of Display: _____
Circle: Tabletop Floor Wall Shelf Other

We will also have Entry Forms available when you arrive.

VEGETABLES, APPLES & HONEY

Superintendent: Paul S. Williams

Telephone: 802-775-4942

Asst. Superintendent: Pam Clark

Telephone: 802-855-1779

Department Head:

VT Giant Pumpkin Growers: Dan and Holly Boyce

All vegetables entered for premium must have been raised by the exhibitor. No vegetables will be received unless worthy.

This department will open Tuesday, August 12th, 10:00am for entries. Exhibits will be accepted from 10:00am to 5:00pm on opening day only. NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED after this time.

Exhibits to be removed on Sunday, August 17th, between 9:00am to 12:00pm. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors.

The name of exhibitor must not appear on exhibit.

The Vegetable Department would encourage anyone with large entries to pre-register by sending a copy of your entry form to: Paul S. Williams, 1606 US Route 7N, Rutland, Vermont 05701. This is not necessary as walk-ins are always welcome.

If there is only one exhibitor in any division in the Department, only one premium will be awarded, either first or second at the discretion of judges.

No judge, superintendent, or paid employees of the Vegetable Department will be eligible to display or design for competition in this department.

LIMIT ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR.

Lot No.

Premiums: 1st - \$18.75; 2nd - \$12.50; 3rd - \$6.25 and Rosette

1. Best and most attractive display of produce raised and exhibited by a home gardener in own container.

Premiums: 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$18.75; 3rd - \$12.50 and Rosette

2. Best and most attractive display of produce raised and exhibited by a commercial gardener.

LOT 1 & 2. ENTRIES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT BY AUGUST 12th.

Premiums: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$3.75; 3rd - \$2.50 unless otherwise specified

BROCCOLI

3. Exhibit of Broccoli - Green.
- 3A. Exhibit of Broccoli - Red

BEANS

4. 12 Yellow Garden Beans in pod
5. 12 Green Garden Beans in pod
6. 12 Shell Beans in pod
- 6A. 6 Lima Beans in pod
- 6B. 12 Purple Garden Beans

BEETS & CARROTS

7. 5 Table Beets (Tip Top to 1")
8. 5 Table Carrots (Short Root under 7")
- 8A. 5 Table Carrots (Long Root over 7")

Helpful Hint: Remove tops from Beets and Carrots

9. Exhibit of Brussels Sprouts

CABBAGE

10. 3 Heads of Cabbage
- 10A. 1 Head Red Cabbage
11. Largest Single Head of Cabbage
- 11B. 1 Head of Chinese Cabbage
- 11C. 1 Head of Flat Dutch Cabbage
- 11D. 1 Head of Savoy Cabbage
12. 1 Head of Cauliflower (White or Purple)
- 12A. Kohlrabi - 3 Heads (Purple or Green)

CUCUMBERS

13. 3 Ripe Cucumbers, Green
14. 3 Ripe Cucumbers, Yellow
15. 12 Pickling Cucumbers
16. 3 Table Cucumbers
- 16A. 2 Burpless Cucumbers

EGGPLANT

17. 1 Eggplant
- 17A. 1 Long Type Eggplant
- 17B. 1 White Eggplant
18. Exhibit of Gourds, not less than six

LETTUCE

19. 1 Head of Lettuce
- 19A. Exhibit of Romaine Lettuce
- 19B. Exhibit of Leaf Lettuce

ONIONS

20. 3 Red Onions
21. 3 White Onions
22. 3 Spanish Onions
23. 5 Yellow Onions
- 23A. 3 Leeks
24. Exhibit of Parsley
- 24A. Exhibit of Dill
- 24B. Exhibit of Basil
25. 5 Parsnips

PEPPERS

26. 3 Peppers, Green, Sweet
27. 3 Pepper, Red, Sweet
- 27A. 3 Peppers, Hot, any variety
- 27B. 3 Peppers, Yellow
- 27C. 3 Purple Peppers
- 27D. 3 Cayenne
- 27E. 3 Yellow
- 27F. 3 Habanera
- 27G. 3 Jalapeno
- 27H. 3 Yellow Banana Peppers

PUMPKINS

28. 3 Pie Pumpkins
- 28A. 3 Mini Pumpkins Pies

- 29. 1 Field Pumpkin
- 30. Exhibit of Indian Corn or Decorative Corn - 5 ears
- 31. 1 Bunch of Rhubarb

SQUASH

- 32. 3 Summer Squash (Scallop)
- 33. 3 Summer Squash (Crook Neck)
- 34. 3 Summer Squash (Straight Neck)
- 35. 3 Table Size Zucchini Squash
- 35A. 3 Yellow Zucchini
- 36. 3 Buttercup Squash
- 36A. 3 Ambercup Squash
- 37. 3 Butternut Squash
- 38. 3 Acorn Squash
- 38A. 3 Gold Nugget Squash
- 38B. 1 Pink Banana Squash
- 38C. 3 White Acorn
- 39. 1 Blue Hubbard
- 40. 1 Green Hubbard
- 40A. 1 Orange Hubbard
- 40B. 2 Spaghetti Squash
- 40C. 3 Sweet Dumpling
- 40D. 2 Delicate Squash
- 40E. 3 Carnival Squash

SWISS CHARD

- 41. Exhibit of Swiss Chard, Green
- 41A. Exhibit of Swiss Chard Rhubarb (Red)
- 41B. Exhibit of Swiss Chard (Colored)
- 42. Exhibit of Herbs
- 43. Exhibit of Spinach
- 44. Tallest Sunflower (Please remove roots)
- 44A. Largest Sunflower Head

TOMATOES

- 45. 5 Red Tomatoes
- 46. Yellow Tomatoes
- 46A. 5 Yellow Pear Tomatoes
- 47. Exhibit of Cherry Tomatoes
- 47A. Exhibit of Grape Tomatoes
- 47B. Exhibit of Yellow Pear Minis
- 47C. 5 Roma Tomatoes
- 47D. Exhibit of variety not listed
- 48. 5 Green Tomatoes
- 48A. 5 Plum Tomatoes
- 49. 3 Turnips, Purple Top, Early
- 50. 3 Yellow Rutabaga Turnips
- 51. 2 Round Type Muskmelons
- 51A. 2 Long Type Muskmelons
- 52. Watermelon, standard
- 53. Midget Watermelons (small)

CORN

- 54. 5 Ears White Sweet Corn, husked
- 55. 5 Ears Yellow Sweet Corn, husked
- 56. 5 Ears Yellow & White, husked

OTHER

- 57. 5 Ears of Popcorn
- 58. Largest Field Pumpkin (over 30 lbs) Having Fluted Stem
- 59. Largest Squash (Winter)
- 59A. Largest Pumpkin-Squash Cross
- 60. Decorated Pumpkins-Limit 1 to an exhibitor over 14
- 60A. Decorated Pumpkin Children age 14 and under
- 60B. Decorated Gourd
- 61. Exhibit of any Vegetable not listed but considered meritorious (Limit 4 to an exhibitor)
- 61A. Exhibit of Okra
- 61B. Exhibit of Garlic (not less than 3 bulbs)
- 61C. Exhibit of Kale
- 62. Weirdest & Strangest Vegetable (Limit 1 per exhibitor)
- 63. Best and greatest Variety of Vegetables by one Exhibitor meeting above specifications as to number

Judges Choice - Best Overall Vegetable in Show Rosette and \$7.00 premium

- 63A. Rosette and \$5.00 premium
 - Largest Tomato
 - Largest Potato
 - Largest Onion
 - Largest Head of Broccoli
 - Largest Cauliflower Head
 - Largest Zucchini or Summer Squash
 - Largest Beet Longest Gourd
 - Largest Vegetable Not Listed

POTATOES *Plate of 5*

- 64. Cherokee
- 65. Chippewa
- 66. Early Rose
- 67. Huma
- 68. Irish Cobbler
- 69. Green Mountain
- 70. Kennebec
- 71. Norgold Russet
- 72. Norland
- 73. Red Pontiac
- 74. Russet Burbank
- 75. Russet Rural
- 76. Sebago
- 77. Superior
- 77A. Rosa Bed
- 77B. Cow Horn
- 77C. All Blue
- 77D. Lady Fingers

- 77E. Butte Russet
- 77F. Viking
- 77G. Sweet Potatoes
- 77H. Yukon Gold
- 78. Any other variety not listed - Limit 10 per exhibitor

79. Best and Greatest Variety of Potatoes by One exhibitor meeting above Specifications as to Number \$5.00 Premium and Rosette

APPLES *Plate of Five*

- 1. Delicious Yellow
- 2. Delicious Red
- 3. Molly Delicious
- 4. McIntosh
- 5. Northern Spy
- 6. Wealthy
- 7. Cortland
- 8. Early William
- 9. Duchess
- 10. Spartan
- 11. Tydeman Red
- 12. Crab Apples
- 13. Yellow Transparent
- 14. Any Other Variety but Limited to Five
- 15. Best Overall Apple Exhibit \$5.00 Premium and Rosette

HONEY

- A. Pint Jar - Strained Light
- B. Pint Jar - Strained Dark
- C. Comb Honey, 1 Box

ROBERT M. MEAD SPECIAL COMB HONEY EXHIBIT

5 Comb Honey Items- any type
 First- \$7.50 Second- \$6.25 Third- \$5.00

CORN - GRAINS - BEANS

1A. Tallest Stock Field Corn Variety to be Named - 1 to an Exhibitor - \$4.00 and Rosette

DRIED GRAINS

- 1. Barley
- 2. Buckwheat
- 3. Oats
- 4. Wheat, Spring
- 5. Wheat, Winter

DRIED BEANS *Please Bring Jar*

- 6. Black-Eye Peas
- 7. Chickpeas
- 8. Cranberry Beans
- 9. Mung Beans
- 10. Shell Beans, Pinto
- 11. Shell Beans, Kidney

- 12. Soldier Beans
- 13. Soybeans
- 14. Yellow Eye Beans
- 15. 8 Ears Dent Corn
- 16. 8 Ears Flint Corn
- 17. Trout Beans
- 18. Variety Not Listed

All vegetables entered for premium must have been raised by the exhibitor. No vegetables will be received unless worthy.

VERMONT STATE FAIR HISTORICAL MUSEUM WRITING CONTEST

Superintendent: Marsha Johnson
 71 School Street
 Rutland, VT 05701
 Telephone: 802-775-7212

Divisions:

- Child- 8 years and Under
- Child- 9 to 14 Years Old
- Junior- 15 to 18 Years Old
- Adult- 19 years and up

Theme for Child Divisions:

Mystery At The Fair

Poppy The Pig Goes Missing! Write about why Poppy went missing. Why was she lost? Where did she go? How did she get back to her pen. Be creative.

Theme For Junior & Adult Divisions:

A Moment In History

Write about a historical event at the Vermont State Fairgrounds. It doesn't have to have happened during the annual Fair.

First, Second, and Third place ribbons will be given for each division.

The Belden Family Memorial Award will be given for Best of Show in each division.

Rules:

- 1. Have the story typed on 8.5" x 11" paper. Child divisions may tell their story to an adult who may type it for the child.
- 2. Entry deadline is Tuesday August 5th, 2025. Mail entries to:
 Vermont State Fair- Writing Contest
 PO Box 10
 Rutland, VT 05702
 or hand deliver them to the superintendent.
- 3. One entry per person.
- 4. Entries will be judged prior to the Fair and will be on display with their awards throughout the Fair.

5. Copies of each story will be retained by the Fair and published in the following year's premium book. Originals will be kept in a binder in the Fair Museum.
6. Awards may be picked up by the recipients on Sunday, August 17th, 2025, from 12pm to 3pm.
7. No judge, superintendent, or paid employee of the Writing Contest will be eligible to enter for competition in this department.

Bag of marshmallows
Bag of chocolate chips
Box of gram crackers
Bag of flour
cornstarch
Box of baking powder
A carton of milk
Sugar
Salt

How to make deep fried s'more balls

Step 1. Melt chocolate chips in microwave once melted put the marshmallows in a spherical container then pour the chocolate in the spherical container and freeze it for about 2 or 3 hours

Step 2. After freezing take out chocolate ball and dunk in melted chocolate then roll it in crushed up gram crackers then freeze it on a plate for about an hour.

Step 3. Make batter out of 1/2 a cup of flour, 1/2 a cup of cornstarch, 1 1/2 teaspoons of baking powder, 3/4 teaspoon of salt, 1 dash of sugar, 1/2 cup of milk, 1/3 cup of cold water

Step 4. When ready to deep fry take out batter and frozen ball, cover the ball with batter and deep fry it when done deep frying put on plate and serve with strawberry sauce or vanilla sauce and Injoy

Talvin, Hon
~~11~~
Bennington VT

If you fry it, they will come...

Americans are just a little obsessed with fried food.

Is it because we can enjoy a ready-almost-instantly treat, or is it the combination of sugar and carbs with a crisp crunch? At any rate, there is a reason that adventurous entrepreneurs are cooking up new fried foods and serving them at fairs across the country.

You'll find a variety of sweet fried foods at almost any fair you wander into this summer: "elephant ear" funnel cakes, Oreos, churros, cheesecake, and even ice cream. Salty foods are popular too: corn dogs, chicken, classic french fries, onion rings, and don't forget fried pickles! But what if we could fry a food that *almost* could be considered healthy?

My kids are not raw broccoli fans. Most of them shy away from cauliflower too. If I were to invent a new fried dish, I'd experiment using both of these veggies with the goal of tempting children into eating them. I'd attempt using a rice flour-based batter for folks who avoid gluten. The batter would be savory, flavored with some garlic powder, onion powder, and chicken bouillon. A pinch of chipotle would give a hint of smoke and spice to an otherwise bland batter. Once fried, the delicate floret pieces of broccoli and cauliflower would give a satisfying crunch and camouflage the health benefits lurking inside. I'd offer 2 dipping sauce options: chilled ranch dressing for those who appreciate classic combinations or warm nacho cheese for a southwest taste.

The biggest marketing challenge would be naming this dish. Its purpose is sneaky, so calling it "fried broccoli and cauliflower" would totally blow its cover. Perhaps a more fun name like "fried fairy trees" would draw a younger crowd. Who knows? Perhaps this dish will become so popular that health-conscious American moms of picky kids will copycat the recipe in their own kitchens.

Erica Burch - adult category

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An essay by Lauren Burch

If I were to create a new fried food, I would craft a pastry that is light and airy, perfect for frying. This treat would be compact, making it convenient to hold in one hand and enjoy on the go.

The product would offer plenty of delightful flavors, such as cherry, raspberry, chocolate, lemon, strawberry, blueberry, and apple.

Another important aspect of the business is the pricing of this fried treat. It will certainly be affordable, and due to its size, it will cost less than a full-sized pie, which will attract more customers. The quality would be amazing. Customers would be able to look right through the window and see the pastries being prepared. The pies would be handmade instead of store-bought, which is common. The fried "breading" on the pastries would be sweet rather than savory, making them taste even better. People would be amazed by the high-quality taste, and the employees would need to ensure they present themselves well.

We will be selling delicious, freshly baked pies from a pristine, easily transportable food trailer. To complement the pastries, we will also have a selection of sodas for those looking to quench their thirst. Including, Root Beer, Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Doctor Pepper, and Mountain Dew.

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Many Americans like coffee so if I could make any fried food it would be a deep-fried caramel stroopwafel. I would dip it in a buttermilk pancake batter and sprinkle some powdered sugar on it afterward. I'd make the caramel stroopwafel rectangular so it could fit in the dipping sauce bowl. The dipping sauce bowl would be a small cup and you could either choose chocolate fudge, maple syrup, or caramel dipping sauce for your caramel stroopwafel.

To make the pancake batter, you would need oil, flour, vanilla extract, sugar, an egg, and buttermilk. The fried caramel stroopwafel would also come with a cup of coffee (either decaf or caffeinated) or some chocolate milk. It would be nice because you can get a snack and a drink. I would serve my stroopwafels in a paper boat. The dipping sauce would be served in a tiny cup big enough for the stroopwafel to fit in, and the drinks I would put in a foam cup with a lid. I would name my new fried food "fried pancake stroopwafel." People would come from all over the fairground to try my new fried food!

Adrianna Burch 11 years old

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Fried Sweets Salad

Hello! My name is Julia. This is my frying center.

We are making Fried Fruit Salad today.

Get a bowl. Put pancake mix in.

Put egg and oil in.

Mix very good.

Put in berries such as raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, peaches, and grapes.

Put oil in.

Deep fry.

Drain oil and put on whipped cream.

Serve in a bowl.

For all ages!

Enjoy!

By Julia Burch, 9 years old

IF YOU FRY IT, THEY WILL COME!

If I made a fried food, I would call it "fried fruits." The ingredients would be oranges, cinnamon, orange juice, cranberries, pomegranates, cranberry juice, pomegranate juice, cherries, cherry juice, pears, pear juice, grapes, and grape juice. I would mix them and freeze them into shapes. I would make a star shape, a moon shape, a circle shape, an airplane shape, a car shape, a truck shape, a triangle shape, and last, a rectangle shape. The batter would have flour, egg, sugar, oil, vanilla extract, and milk. I would mix it and then add more milk, and mix it again. Then I would put the fruit shapes in the batter. Then I would fry them in a frying pan until they are a tan-ish color. Then let them dry. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Dip in applesauce.

I would serve fried fruit on a plate with a small bowl of applesauce on the plate. Kids and adults would eat my fried fruit. Kids would like it because of the shapes and sugar. Adults would like it because it's delicious!

By Philip Burch, 7 years old

Antique Tractor Competition Entry Form

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2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Entry Information

Make: _____

Year: _____

Model: _____

Description: _____

Prizes:

Best In Show \$250.00

First: \$150.00

Second: \$100.00

Third: \$30.00 Gift Card

Please place your entry details on paper on the front of your tractor or provide an information board near your tractor. Entries accepted any time prior to 5pm on August 12, 2025.

VERMONT STATE FAIR

Rutland Fairgrounds Rutland, VT

ART EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

This form must be given to the art superintendent at the time of entry!

Artist _____ Phone _____

(please print)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please give complete address so you can be added to our mailing list.

Title	Price	Sign out
1		
2		
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Please indicate division by checking applicable box.

Child (12 & under)

Junior (13-17)

Amateur

Professional

This form must be completed, IN FULL, to be accepted and for premium to be mailed.

ART LABELS

art label

Artist _____

Child Amateur

Junior Professional

Age, 18 or under _____

Title _____

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Arts & Crafts Exhibit

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Class	Child 7 & under	Child 8 to 13	
	Child 14 to 17	Adult 18 & above	
Name	_____		
Address	_____		
City	_____	State _____	Zip _____
Item Name	_____		
For Sale:	Yes _____	No _____	Amount \$ _____

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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PHOTOS MUST BE CAPTURED IN VERMONT
(PLEASE PRINT)**

Photographer _____ Age _____

Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Give complete address where premium may be mailed.

Email _____

Category	Title	Price	Sign Out

This form must be completed, **IN FULL**, to be accepted and for premium to be mailed.
Incomplete information will result in premium being forfeited.

Please indicate division entered by checking applicable box

Child (12 and under)

Junior (13-17)

Amateur (18 and up)

Professional (18 and up)

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Where it was taken _____
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The Vermont State Fair

2025 Camper Space Reservation Form

1. No animals are allowed on the fairgrounds, unless they are part of an exhibit, or they are ADA approved service animals. Pets are allowed in the camping area only and must be leashed and not left unattended while outside camper.
2. All camping on the fairgrounds is by permit and payment in full in advance ONLY.
3. One support vehicle is allowed per camper unit. All others must park in parking lots.
4. Please respect your neighbors. Use of awnings is not allowed. Keep pets quiet. Quiet time is midnight to 7 am
5. Camping is at your own risk. The RCAS is not responsible for any damage, theft, or loss of property due to an act of God.

Event Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Vendor, Agricultural, or Patron: _____

If Agricultural: Cattle, Horse, or 4-H _____

Type of Camper: _____ Length: _____

Camper plate#: _____ State: _____

Check-in Date: _____ Check-out Date: _____

Does your camper have an air conditioning unit? (Please circle) YES NO

We are making every effort to place all campers in the campground. Those who use their camper for sales and live in them will be charged a camping fee.

Camper Fees for Event Participants below - (add \$5 per day for non-participants/public)

Water, sewer, and electric (limited)	\$40.00 per day		
Water and electric	\$35.00 per day	Dairy/4H - (water & electric)	\$35.00 per day
Electric only	\$25.00 per day		
Dry (no utilities)/Tenting	\$20.00 per day		

Prices are based on 30 amp/110V electric use. Additional electrical may be available at a cost. Generators not allowed.

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