

DEPARTMENT • 17

FRUIT

Chair - Daniel Weber, Gettysburg, PA

Judge - Dr. Gordon Johnson

RULES

See General Rules and Regulations online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

An entry fee of \$1 per OPEN SHOW entry will be charged for each entry registered by 12/15/2023

An entry fee of \$2 per OPEN SHOW entry will be charged for each entry after 12/15/2023.

-- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY --

Early entry is encouraged. Register online at www.farmshow.pa.gov.

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6:00 P.M. JANUARY 4, 2024

1. Entry tags will be printed and mailed to exhibitors who register by December 15, 2023, to attach to their exhibits prior to delivery to the Farm Show.
2. **Roadside Fruit Market Exhibits Class 101:** Entries *must* be registered online no later than December 1, 2023.
3. All fruit must have been grown by the exhibitor since the 2023 Farm Show, in orchards situated within the Commonwealth.
4. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish but may make no more than one entry of a variety in a class, either in her/his own name, the name of a firm, or the name of some other person. Exhibitors may enter up to three entries in the classes labeled Green/Yellow not listed and Red not listed.
5. Bring or send exhibits directly to the Farm Show Complex so as to arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024. No pre-registered exhibits accepted after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024. **New entries will not be accepted on site.** Mark each package plainly with the grower's name and what the package contains. Prepay all charges when sending fruit to Harrisburg. Mark clearly each variety and the class or classes in which you wish the fruit to be entered.
6. Exhibitors are requested to bring the proper size fiber trays. Apples are to be in the 72 to 113 sizes range. Quality of pack will be given preference over tight packing, but poorly filled trays, boxes, or baskets will not be acceptable.
7. In judging the bushel carton entries, the top cover will not be in evidence at the time the judging takes place. In these tray packed bushels, apple size must correspond to tray size and the proper number of trays and apples must make up the bushel. For example, if size 88 trays are used, the apples must be sized so as to fit properly in the tray cups and the entire bushel must contain four trays (72-88 apples) or five trays (100-113 apples). Please be advised that a window may be cut into the side of the bushel carton for display purposes in the Court of Champions. Plan accordingly when collecting or selling the fruit at the end of the Show.
8. Utmost care should be taken in handling the fruit intended for exhibition. From the time of its selection until it has been placed on display it should be handled carefully. It is suggested to use plenty of packing material and to pack carefully in a rigid container. The fruit should be kept in cold storage starting from the time it is picked until it is presented for display. Of course, time out of storage will be necessary in order to accomplish the selection of fruit intended for show.
9. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024.
10. No fruit entered in one class shall be eligible for premiums in any other class, except for "Best in Class" and "Best in Show". Official Pennsylvania Farm Show class entry tags are required for each submission and may not be altered in any manner. Entries with defaced or missing tags, or tags applied incorrectly to a submitted class, will be deemed ineligible to compete in that class. If entry tags for a class are missing or incorrect, new cards can be printed at the Farm Show complex prior to submitting an entry on the day fruit is delivered.
11. No premium will be awarded in any class unless the exhibits are worthy. Misnamed varieties will not be considered eligible for premiums.
12. The tray pack bushel of apples (Classes 201-401) judged as "Best Bushel of Apples" will be auctioned by the PA Apple Program during the PA Auctioneer's Association Bid Calling Contest (5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024). Proceeds from the auction will be donated to a charitable organization. All other fruit shall remain in the property of the exhibitor providing the same is claimed between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024. The fruit can be sold by the exhibitor with the sale starting at 1:00 p.m. No fruit may be removed by any person until released by the chairperson of the Fruit Committee. No fruit may be removed from the exhibit area before 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of **all** premiums. Any remaining fruit that is not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be donated to the food bank.
13. In a year when total fruit entries exceed the available display space, the Farm Show Management may donate entries that do not place to a local food bank immediately after being judged. The selection of entries for donation will be at the discretion of the judge, using the market value of each category as one of the deciding factors.

DIVISION 0001

FRUIT CLASSES

Class 101 - Roadside Fruit Market Exhibit.

Open to all Pennsylvania fruit growers who direct-market their products. Awards will be given to the best fresh fruit retail market display of apples and/or pears. The display should consist of at least five (5) named varieties of apple and/or pear. To obtain optimum number of points for educational value, exhibitors are encouraged to feature new, antique, or other specialty varieties. The total amount of fruit should not exceed five (5) bushels but be no less than three (3) bushels.

Fruit in overwrapped trays, poly bags, roadside market containers, gift cartons, baskets, and other fresh fruit containers may be used in the display. Processed products, such as jars of apple butter or baked goods, may be included in the display provided that Pennsylvania-grown tree fruit are a primary ingredient in each product, each product is made in Pennsylvania, and the products are relevant to the market. (Please note that this display is not refrigerated, so plan processed product placement accordingly.)

A sign up to 4' high by 5' wide and suitably lettered with the name and address of the market must be included in the display. A color photograph of the market must also be included somewhere in the display. Decorative items, photos, or other ephemera that tell the market's story or add to the appeal of the display are permitted but should not distract from the emphasis on the fruit, the market, or its educational value.

The space allotted for an individual market exhibition will be 5' wide, no wider. There are four steps upon which the display can be mounted. The upper three steps are 18" deep, while the lowest landing is 24" deep. Each step is separated by a 9" rise. The bottom landing is approximately 2' above the floor. The risers may be covered with material if so desired.

Six spaces are available for the display. In the event that there are more than six entrants, space will be assigned based on registration date. You will be notified approximately three weeks prior to the Saturday preceding Farm Show if your entry has been accepted.

One judge will evaluate the display based on the following criteria: 50 points for the condition, quality, and identification of the fruit; 25 points for the general/overall attractiveness of the display; and 25 points for the educational value of the display.

For the Best Roadside Fruit Market Exhibit a suitably lettered rosette ribbon will be awarded by the Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show Commission. The State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania will also award a plaque recognizing the achievement. The award will be presented to the winner at the Association's annual meeting.

Premiums: 1st - \$135; 2nd - \$115; 3rd - \$105; 4th - \$90; 5th - \$75

TRAY PACK BUSHEL

For the best exhibit of apples in the one standard fiberboard bushel carton, of each of the listed major commercial varieties.

Premiums: 1st - \$47; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$33; 4th - \$27; 5th - \$20

- 201 - Tray Pack Bushel - Cameo
- 202 - Tray Pack Bushel - Cortland
- 203 - Tray Pack Bushel - CrimsonCrisp®
- 204 - Tray Pack Bushel - Delicious (Red)
- 205 - Tray Pack Bushel - Empire
- 206 - Tray Pack Bushel - EverCrisp®
- 207 - Tray Pack Bushel - Fuji
- 208 - Tray Pack Bushel - Gala
- 209 - Tray Pack Bushel - Golden Delicious
- 210 - Tray Pack Bushel - GoldRush
- 211 - Tray Pack Bushel - Granny Smith
- 212 - Tray Pack Bushel - Honeycrisp
- 213 - Tray Pack Bushel - Idared
- 214 - Tray Pack Bushel - Jonagold
- 215 - Tray Pack Bushel - Jonathan
- 216 - Tray Pack Bushel - Ludacrisp®
- 217 - Tray Pack Bushel - McIntosh
- 218 - Tray Pack Bushel - Mutsu
- 219 - Tray Pack Bushel - Nittany
- 220 - Tray Pack Bushel - Pink Lady®
- 221 - Tray Pack Bushel - Rome Beauty
- 222 - Tray Pack Bushel - Stayman
- 223 - Tray Pack Bushel - York Imperial
- 224 - Tray Pack Bushel - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 225 - Tray Pack Bushel - Red Not Listed

CONSUMER PACKAGE

(16 - 24 lbs.)

For the best consumer package, open container, display package (exclusive of paper, plastic or mesh bags) of any listed variety.

Premiums: 1st - \$31; 2nd - \$27; 3rd - \$23; 4th - \$19; 5th - \$15

- 501 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Cameo
- 502 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Cortland
- 503 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - CrimsonCrisp®
- 504 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Delicious (Red)
- 505 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Empire
- 506 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - EverCrisp®
- 507 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Fuji
- 508 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Gala
- 509 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Golden Delicious
- 510 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - GoldRush
- 511 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Granny Smith
- 512 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Honeycrisp
- 513 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Idared
- 514 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Jonagold
- 515 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Jonathan
- 516 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Ludacrisp®
- 517 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - McIntosh
- 518 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Mutsu
- 519 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Nittany
- 520 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Pink Lady®
- 521 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Rome Beauty
- 522 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Stayman
- 523 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - York Imperial
- 524 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 525 - Consumer Pack (16-24 lbs.) - Red Not Listed

Special Award

State Horticultural Association Award. For the best bushel carton of apples shown in Classes 201-225, the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania will provide an appropriate award. The presentation of this award will be made at the Association's Annual Winter Meeting.

CONSUMER PACKAGE

(8 - 12 lbs.)

For the best consumer package, open container, display package (exclusive of paper, plastic, or mesh bags) of any listed variety.

Premiums: 1st - \$21; 2nd - \$17; 3rd - \$14; 4th - \$11; 5th - \$8

- 801 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Cameo
- 802 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Cortland
- 803 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Crimson Crisp®
- 804 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Delicious
- 805 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Empire
- 806 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - EverCrisp®
- 807 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Fuji
- 808 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Gala
- 809 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Golden Delicious
- 810 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - GoldRush
- 811 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Granny Smith
- 812 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Honeycrisp
- 813 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Idared
- 814 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Jonagold
- 815 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Jonathan
- 816 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Ludacrisp®
- 817 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - McIntosh
- 818 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Mutsu
- 819 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Nittany
- 820 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Pink Lady®
- 821 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Rome Beauty
- 822 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Stayman
- 823 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - York Imperial
- 824 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 825 - Consumer Pack (8-12 lbs.) - Red Not Listed

TRAY OF APPLES

For the best standard commercial “cupped” tray of apples, in the size range of 72 through 113. Any listed variety included. The apples shall be packed on their side rather than on either end, and shall be sized so as to properly fill the “cups.”

Premiums: 1st - \$17; 2nd - \$14; 3rd - \$12; 4th - \$9; 5th - \$7

- 1101 - Tray of Apples - Cameo
- 1102 - Tray of Apples - Cortland
- 1103 - Tray of Apples - Crimson Crisp®
- 1104 - Tray of Apples - Delicious
- 1105 - Tray of Apples - Empire
- 1106 - Tray of Apples - EverCrisp®
- 1107 - Tray of Apples - Fuji
- 1108 - Tray of Apples - Gala
- 1109 - Tray of Apples - Golden Delicious
- 1110 - Tray of Apples - GoldRush
- 1111 - Tray of Apples - Granny Smith
- 1112 - Tray of Apples - Honeycrisp
- 1113 - Tray of Apples - Idared
- 1114 - Tray of Apples - Jonagold
- 1115 - Tray of Apples - Jonathan
- 1116 - Tray of Apples - Ludacrisp®
- 1117 - Tray of Apples - McIntosh
- 1118 - Tray of Apples - Mutsu
- 1119 - Tray of Apples - Nittany
- 1120 - Tray of Apples - Pink Lady®
- 1121 - Tray of Apples - Rome Beauty
- 1122 - Tray of Apples - Stayman
- 1123 - Tray of Apples - York Imperial
- 1124 - Tray of Apples - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 1125 - Tray of Apples - Red Not Listed

BAGGED APPLES

Exhibit shall consist of one new transparent bag containing at least 3 pounds of apples of any of the listed varieties. Labeling and Grade Requirements of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets will pertain.

Premiums: 1st - \$17; 2nd - \$14; 3rd - \$12; 4th - \$10; 5th - \$7

- 1401 - Bagged Apples - Cameo
- 1402 - Bagged Apples - Cortland
- 1403 - Bagged Apples - Crimson Crisp®
- 1404 - Bagged Apples - Delicious
- 1405 - Bagged Apples - Empire
- 1406 - Bagged Apples - EverCrisp®
- 1407 - Bagged Apples - Fuji
- 1408 - Bagged Apples - Gala
- 1409 - Bagged Apples - Golden Delicious
- 1410 - Bagged Apples - GoldRush
- 1411 - Bagged Apples - Granny Smith
- 1412 - Bagged Apples - Honeycrisp
- 1413 - Bagged Apples - Idared
- 1414 - Bagged Apples - Jonagold
- 1415 - Bagged Apples - Jonathan
- 1416 - Bagged Apples - Ludacrisp®
- 1417 - Bagged Apples - McIntosh
- 1418 - Bagged Apples - Mutsu
- 1419 - Bagged Apples - Nittany
- 1420 - Bagged Apples - Pink Lady®
- 1421 - Bagged Apples - Rome Beauty
- 1422 - Bagged Apples - Stayman
- 1423 - Bagged Apples - York Imperial
- 1424 - Bagged Apples - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 1425 - Bagged Apples - Red Not Listed

OVERWRAP TRAY

For the best heat-sealed overwrapped tray of eight apples of any of the listed varieties.

Premiums: 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$12; 3rd - \$10; 4th - \$9; 5th - \$7

- 1701 - Overwrap tray - Cameo
- 1702 - Overwrap tray - Cortland
- 1703 - Overwrap tray - Crimson Crisp®
- 1704 - Overwrap tray - Delicious
- 1705 - Overwrap tray - Empire
- 1706 - Overwrap tray - EverCrisp®
- 1707 - Overwrap tray - Fuji
- 1708 - Overwrap tray - Gala
- 1709 - Overwrap tray - Golden Delicious
- 1710 - Overwrap tray - GoldRush
- 1711 - Overwrap tray - Granny Smith
- 1712 - Overwrap tray - Honeycrisp
- 1713 - Overwrap tray - Idared
- 1714 - Overwrap tray - Jonagold
- 1715 - Overwrap tray - Jonathan
- 1716 - Overwrap tray - Ludacrisp®
- 1717 - Overwrap tray - McIntosh
- 1718 - Overwrap tray - Mutsu
- 1719 - Overwrap tray - Nittany
- 1720 - Overwrap tray - Pink Lady®
- 1721 - Overwrap tray - Rome Beauty
- 1722 - Overwrap tray - Stayman
- 1723 - Overwrap tray - York Imperial
- 1724 - Overwrap tray - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 1725 - Overwrap tray - Red Not Listed

PLATE OF 5 APPLES

For the best plate of five apples of any of the listed varieties.

Premiums: 1st - \$12; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$9; 4th - \$7; 5th - \$7

- 2001 - Plate of 5 Apples - Cameo
- 2002 - Plate of 5 Apples - Cortland
- 2003 - Plate of 5 Apples - Crimson Crisp®
- 2004 - Plate of 5 Apples - Delicious
- 2005 - Plate of 5 Apples - Empire
- 2006 - Plate of 5 Apples - EverCrisp®
- 2007 - Plate of 5 Apples - Fuji
- 2008 - Plate of 5 Apples - Gala
- 2009 - Plate of 5 Apples - Golden Delicious
- 2010 - Plate of 5 Apples - GoldRush
- 2011 - Plate of 5 Apples - Granny Smith
- 2012 - Plate of 5 Apples - Honeycrisp
- 2013 - Plate of 5 Apples - Idared
- 2014 - Plate of 5 Apples - Jonagold
- 2015 - Plate of 5 Apples - Jonathan
- 2016 - Plate of 5 Apples - Ludacrisp®
- 2017 - Plate of 5 Apples - McIntosh
- 2018 - Plate of 5 Apples - Mutsu
- 2019 - Plate of 5 Apples - Nittany
- 2020 - Plate of 5 Apples - Pink Lady®
- 2021 - Plate of 5 Apples - Rome Beauty
- 2022 - Plate of 5 Apples - Stayman
- 2023 - Plate of 5 Apples - York Imperial
- 2024 - Plate of 5 Apples - Green/Yellow Not Listed
- 2025 - Plate of 5 Apples - Red Not Listed

PLATE OF 5 PEARS

For the best plate of five pears of any of the listed varieties.

Premiums: 1st - \$17; 2nd - \$15; 3rd - \$12; 4th - \$10; 5th - 8

- 2301 - Plate of 5 Pears - Anjou
- 2302 - Plate of 5 Pears - Bosc
- 2303 - Plate of 5 Pears - Asian
- 2304 - Plate of 5 Pears - All other varieties

TRAY OF PEARS

For the best tray of pears of any of the listed varieties. The pears shall be packed on their side rather than on end and shall be sized so as to properly fill the cups.

Premiums: 1st - \$17; 2nd - \$14; 3rd - \$12; 4th - \$9; 5th - \$7

- 2401 - Tray of Pears - Anjou
- 2402 - Tray of Pears - Bosc
- 2403 - Tray of Pears - Asian
- 2404 - Tray of Pears - All other varieties

2501- GIFT PACKAGE

Premiums: 1st - \$45; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$30; 4th - \$25; 5th - \$15

For best gift package (flat) consisting of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) apple varieties and no more than four (4) pear varieties. Any named apple or pear cultivar may be included. The net weight of the fruit should be 16 to 24 pounds (1/2 bushel). At least 75 percent (75%) of the contents shall be apples. Pears do not have to be included in gift packages.

2601 – GIFT BASKET

Premiums: 1st - \$45; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$30; 4th - \$25; 5th - \$15

For the best gift basket (not flat) consisting of no less than four (4) varieties.

Any named apple or pear cultivar may be included. Pears do not have to be included in gift baskets. Baskets should be eye appealing and typical of the type sold by most orchard outlets in Pennsylvania. They must, however, consist of fruit that is or can be grown in Pennsylvania. Processed fruit products or tropical fruit should not be included in the basket.

FRUIT FOODS

Judge -TBA

All entries must include as its primary ingredient fruit that was grown within the Commonwealth since the 2023 Farm Show. The judges retain the right to question the source of any fruit. To be judged on general appearance (size, shape, crust, and color) and sensory qualities (aroma, flavor, moistness, grain, and texture). No commercial mixes are to be used. Baked goods must be wrapped in clear plastic on a disposable base, must be easily accessible by the judge, and will not be returned to the exhibitor. The recipe, typed on an 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper, must be submitted with the entry. Entries in the pie class (class 2904) must use a different recipe than entries in the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest.

Entries are open to the public.

Premiums: 1st - \$35; 2nd - \$30; 3rd - \$25; 4th - \$20; 5th - \$15

- 2901 - Cookie - each exhibit to consist of four cookies
- 2902 - Cake - a display of one wrapped standard 8” or 9” round cake, not iced
- 2903 - Bread - a display of one rectangular wrapped loaf, approximately 1 pound
- 2904 - Pie - a display of one standard 9” round pie
- 2905 - Other baked goods - label

SPECIAL PREMIUMS

2701. Gabriel Heister Award. Awarded by Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show Commission: \$200.00 and a special rosette to the winning county horticultural association. For a county horticultural association to receive the Gabriel Heister Award, please enter it as an exhibitor. (This is necessary to award the premium.) **Every grower wishing to participate with their association in this contest should indicate their interest by registering for this class.** The winning association will be determined using the following rules that emphasize their association’s ability to produce abundant, high-quality fruit:

- A. Five (5) points will be awarded to the first-place entry in class 201-225 (TRAY PACK BUSHEL).
- B. Three (3) points will be awarded to each first-place entry in classes 501-525 (CONSUMER PACKAGE 16 - 24 lbs.), 801-825 (CONSUMER PACKAGE 8 - 12 lbs.), 1101-1125 (TRAY OF APPLES), 2401- 2404 (TRAY OF PEARS), 2501 (GIFT PACKAGE) and 2601 (GIFT BASKET).
- C. One (1) point will be awarded to each first-place entry in classes 1401-1425 (BAGGED APPLES), 1701-1725 (OVERWRAP TRAY), 2001-2025 (PLATE OF 5 APPLES), and 2301-2304 (PLATE OF 5 PEARS).
- D. Points will not be awarded to entries not placing first.
- E. Points from each association will be summed and then divided by the number of growers competing with their county association. The association with the most points is the award recipient.

Best of Class Awards. Presented by the Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show Commission at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, January 6, 2024, on the stage in the Family Living Area in the Main Hall, a walnut plaque for:

- 2801 - Best Bushel of Apples (Classes 201-225)
- 2802 - Best Consumer Package (16-24 pounds - Classes 501-525)
- 2803 - Best Consumer Package (8-12 pounds - Classes 801-825)
- 2804 - Best Tray of Apples (Classes 1101-1125)
- 2805 - Best Bagged Apples (Classes 1401-1425)
- 2806 - Best Overwrap Tray of Apples (Classes 1701-1725)
- 2807 - Best Plate of 5 Apples (Classes 2001-2025)
- 2808 - Best Plate of 5 Pears (Classes 2301-2304)
- 2809 - Best Tray of Pears (Classes 2401-2404)
- 2810 - Best Gift Package or Gift Basket (Classes 2501-2601)
- 2811 - Best Fruit Food (Classes 2901-2905)

2812. Best of Show Award. Awarded by Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show Commission. A suitably lettered rosette for the outstanding exhibit of fruit among the Best of Class Award Winners.