

HITCHCOCK COUNTY OPEN CLASS

GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors must be a resident of Hitchcock County or adjoining townships.
2. All articles must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been completed by the exhibitor within the current year.
3. Exhibits must NOT have been exhibited at any other County Fair or during any previous year at any County Fair.
4. Exhibitors may enter ONLY ONE exhibit per judging class per person (except where listed otherwise).
5. Non-perishable entries (Needlework and Crafts, Artwork and Photography, Food Preservation and Under 8) should be entered on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
6. Perishable entries (Horticulture and Foods) should be entered on Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 9 a.m. to Noon.
7. Exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Premium money must be signed for at this time.
8. All open class premium money will be pro-rated if the dollar amount budgeted for Open Class Premiums is exceeded. If it is determined premiums need to be reduced, it will be done on a percentage basis of all open class premiums awarded for the current Hitchcock County Fair.
9. Entries and premium money must be picked up between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2024 or the premium will be forfeited back into the premium account.
10. Livestock shown in FFA or 4-H Departments are ineligible for Open Class competition, with the exception of exhibitors not yet eligible for 4-H showing in the Open Class showmanship divisions.
11. All livestock, with the exception of poultry and rabbits, must have a showman to be eligible for premiums.
12. All Open Class livestock exhibitors must contact the Extension Office 1 week before Fair to enter their exhibits.
13. All livestock including rabbits and poultry will be entered and released the day of the show.
14. Any diseased, crippled or unworthy animals will not be eligible to exhibit and will be returned to the owner.

OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK

DIVISION A – BEEF CATTLE

Premium: Purple - \$4.00 Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

DIVISION B – SWINE

Premium: Purple - \$4.00 Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

DIVISION C – SHEEP

Premium: Purple - \$4.00 Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

DIVISION D – SMALL ANIMALS

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$1.00

CLASS 1: CAT

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS – Free of ticks, fleas, ear mites and ringworm. Current rabies and distemper (feline enteritis) vaccination.

Female Kitten (4-8 months)

Male Kitten (4-8 months)

Female Cat (over 8 months)

Male Cat (over 8 months)

CLASS 2: DOG

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS – Free of ticks, fleas and ear mites. Current rabies, distemper, Parvovirus and infectious canine hepatitis is required.

Obedience

Agility

Rally Obedience

CLASS 3: RABBIT – Please bring your own rabbit cage.

Meat

Buck

Doe

DIVISION E – POULTRY

GENERAL RULES

- **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health certificate not required for poultry. A State Veterinarian may test your birds for diseases during the Fair. This will be of no charge to you. In order to comply with the Nebraska Poultry Disease Act, poultry exhibited are required to meet the following qualifications: 1. Must be free from lice and mites. 2. Must be in good health condition and clean. Dirty or diseased birds will be disqualified and removed from the poultry show.
- **BREEDS:** To be eligible for bred exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection.
- **MINIMUM WEIGHTS:** The minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in the American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard.
- **TRIO:** A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for

- RULES FOR BANTAM & OTHER POULTRY: The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl and turkey where applicable.
- NUMBER OF ENTRIES: There is a limit of six (6) poultry entries. A production trio counts as one (1) entry.

Large Fowl – American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, Continental, Other Standard Breeds

Bantam Chickens – Game Glass, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, All Other Comb Clean Legged, Feathered Legged Class, Other Standard Breeds

Ducks – Heavy Weight, Medium Weight, Light Weight

Bantam Ducks	Production Trios
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Goose	Other
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Turkeys

DIVISION F – HORTICULTURE

No limit on number of different cultivar entries per class

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 1: THRESHED GRAINS, LEGUMES AND SEEDS

One (1) gallon samples. Must be clean and variety identified. Exhibitors may bring multiple varieties of the same grain.

Barley

Field Corn – Dryland

Oats

Field Corn – Irrigated

Wheat

Popcorn

Grain Sorghum

CLASS 2: SHEAF DISPLAY

Sheaf grain and tame grasses shall not be less than three inches in diameter at the center band. Sheaves of wild grasses not less than one inch at the center band. Sheaves exhibited for premium must contain foliage.

Sheaf Alfalfa – Identify cutting and variety	Sheaf Oats – Identify type
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Sheaf Rye – Identify variety	Sheaf Grasses – Identify type
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Sheaf Barley – Identify type

Sheaf Wheat Collection – Best collection of six (6) Hard Red Winter Grasses – Identify varieties

CLASS 3: STALK DISPLAY

Entry must contain four (4) stalks and the variety be identified.

CLASS 4: GARDEN PRODUCE

When possible, produce should be displayed in disposable bowls or 6 inch plates.

Variety of produce MUST be identified on entry.

Asparagus – 3 stems

Beans – 6

Beets – 3

Broccoli – 1 head

Brussel Sprouts – 6

Cabbage – 1 head

Cauliflower – 1 head

Carrots – 3

Cucumbers

Green Slicing – 1

Burpless – 1

Sweet Pickling – 3

Dill Pickling – 3

Egg Plant – 1

Squash

Acorn – 1

Crookneck – 1

Butternut – 1

Buttercup – 1

Hubbard – Heaviest

Ornamental Gourds - 3

Summer – 3

Scallop – 1

Spaghetti – 1

Zucchini (edible) – 1

Herbs

Chives – 3

Dill – 3 stems

Other Herbs 3

Best Herb Collection – 3 different herbs

Kohlrabi – 3

Lettuce – 2 heads or 12 leaves

Onions – 3

Peppers - 3

Potatoes – 3

Pumpkins

Sweet – 1

Large – 1

Mini – 3

Radishes – 3

Rhubarb – 3 stems

Spinach – 6 stems

Swiss Chard – 3 stems

Tomatoes, slicing – 3

Tomatoes, salad (cherry, grape, pear)– 6

Turnips – 3

Vine Product - 1

Cantaloupe

Citron

Largest & Heaviest Melon

Muskmelon

Watermelons – long & round

CLASS 5: FRUIT

Apples – 3

Crab Apples – 3

Strawberries – 12

Apricots – 3

Gooseberries – 12

Tame Grapes – 3 bunches

Blackberries – 12

Huckleberries – 12

Wild Grapes – 3 bunches

Bush Cherries – 12

Peaches – 3

Wild Plums – 12

Choke Cherries – 12 bunches

Pears – 3

CLASS 6: CUT FLOWERS

Unless otherwise indicated, Cut Flower entries are to be 3 stems. Variety of flower MUST be identified on entry.

Chrysanthemums – 3 stalks

Rose Moss – 3 stems

Cockscombs – 3 stems

Rose, hybrid Tea – 2 stems

Dahlia, Large – 2 stems

Rose, miniature – 2 stems

Poinsettia, summer – 3 stems

Sweet Peas – 3 stems

Red Hot Poker – 3 stems

Water Lily – 1 bloom

CLASS 7: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS Fresh cut Flowers only

Enter silk flower arrangements in Division H Needlework and Crafts Class 9 Handicrafts

Arrangement for table centerpiece

Winter bouquet, dried materials

Theme arrangement for special occasion

Best collection of houseplants

Mixed bouquet

Terrarium

Definite color combination arrangement

Line arrangement

OPEN CLASS HOME ECONOMICS

DIVISION H – NEEDLEWORK AND CRAFTS

No limit of exhibits per exhibitor, each entry must be a different design

Items to be grouped and judged by exhibitor age groups.

Age groups are as follows:

- A. 8 – 11 years of age
- B. 12 – 18 years of age
- C. Adult
- D. Senior Citizens (65 & older)

CLASS 1: QUILTS –

Premium: Purple - \$4.00 Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

CLASS 2: AFGHANS / TABLECLOTHES – Crocheted or Knitted

Premium: Purple - \$4.00 Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

CLASS 3: COUNTED CROSS STITCH OR EMBROIDERY

Premium: Purple - \$4.00 Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00

Picture Sampler Tablecloth Other

CLASS 4: KNITTED / CROCHETED / TATTED ITEMS

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 5: EMBROIDERY

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 6: PILLOW

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 7: WOOD ITEMS

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 8: DOLLS

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

Examples: Soft Sculpture Ceramic

Mop Doll Clothes

CLASS 9: HANDICRAFTS

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

Examples: Ceramics Wreaths

Holiday Items Pottery Home Décor

Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas Silk Flower Arrangements

CLASS 10: CLOTHING

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 11: CREATED “ON” (Decorated or Embellished on Clothing)

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 12: HOBBIES

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 13: ART WORK – Art medium must be designated.

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

DIVISION H – NEEDLEWORK AND CRAFTS (continued)

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CLASS 14: PHOTOGRAPHY – Limit three (3) photos per category per exhibitor.

All pictures must be mounted on construction paper with a ½ inch border on all side of the photo.

Exhibitors may enter up to three (3) additional photos that do not fit into the categories.

Hitchcock County Theme 2023 – Silhouettes 2024 Theme - Celebrations

SNAPSHOTS

Premium: Purple - \$2.00 Blue - \$1.50 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

Action	Flowers	Silhouette
Animal	Nature/Scenery	Still Life
Building/Structure	People	Uncategorized

Hitchcock County Theme

EXHIBIT PRINT – 8 x 10 Matted Print (limit three (3) per exhibitor)

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 15: UNDER AGE 8 ARTS AND CRAFTS – Limit 10 items per child - \$1.00

DIVISION I – FOOD PRESERVATION

No limit of exhibits per exhibitor, each entry must be different.

All canning must be in appropriate canning jars with screw on rings in place. Jars that are not properly sealed will be disqualified from judging. Jar contents to be identified when entered.

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 1: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES – Jar contents to be identified.

CLASS 2: PICKLES AND RELISH – Jar contents to be identified.

CLASS 3: SAUCES AND SOUPS – Jar contents to be identified.

CLASS 4: JAMS AND JELLIES – Jar contents to be identified.

CLASS 5: JUICES – Jar contents to be identified.

Must be in Quart jar.

CLASS 6: DEHYDRATED FOODS – Contents to be identified.

1 cup of product in a Zip Top bag.

CLASS 7: MEAT – Jar contents to be identified.

DIVISION J – FOODS

No limit of exhibits per exhibitor, each entry must be different.

With the exception of the egg entries, one (1) example of Food entries will be kept for display during the Fair. The remaining entries will be offered at the Fair Bake Sale.

Premium: Purple - \$3.00 Blue - \$2.00 Red - \$1.00 White - \$0.50

CLASS 1: CAKES AND PASTRY

Cakes – 2/3

Cupcakes – 6

Fruit Pie – ½ - Any fruit. Must be Two Crust in disposable pan.

CLASS 2: BREAD

Full Loaf:

White

Wheat

Rye

Cinnamon

Cracked Wheat

Quick

Plate of 4:

Muffins

Dinner Rolls

Buns

Cinnamon Rolls

CLASS 3: COOKIES – Any variety. Plate of 6

CLASS 4: CANDY – Any variety. Plate of 6

CLASS 5: EGGS – 6 in carton

White

Brown

Colored

“BEST IN COUNTY” for the following categories will receive an additional \$5.00 premium

Quilt

Flower

Art

Textile Arts (Non-quilt)

Photography

Canning

Vegetable

Baked Item

Ag Display

Wood

BEST IN COUNTY QUILT CONTEST

One (1) quilt will be judged “Best in County” by fair judges. This article may then be entered in the “Best in County” quilt contest at the Nebraska Sate Fair. The “Best in County” quilt must be entered by a Hitchcock County resident.

BEST IN COUNTY TEXTILE ARTS CONTEST

One (1) article of textile arts will be judged “Best in County” by fair judges. This article may then be entered in the “Best in County” textile arts contest at the Nebraska Sate Fair. The “Best in County” textile arts must be entered by a Hitchcock County resident.

BEST IN COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

One (1) color print, black and white print or slide will be judged “Best in County” in Open Class at the 2024 Hitchcock County Fair. This photograph may then be entered in the “Best in County” photography contest at the 2025 Nebraska State Fair.