

Dept. J – Farm & Garden

Superintendents: Connie Palmer & Leslie Lenhart

All entries must be entered in person.

Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries for **FLEECE** will be received 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat., Sept. 12, 2026 at the Farm & Garden Building.
2. All other entries will be received 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 and Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026.
3. All entries must be made in the name of the actual producer, properly labeled, designating each variety and the specific quantity exhibited to obtain premium. No frozen entries.
4. All entries must be grown in Frederick County, except in division 4.
5. Exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor Season Strip Pass for \$12. Enter 3 items (for \$4 each) or pay the difference. Exhibitor Season Strip Passes include one admission each day to the Fair.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed **THREE ITEMS** on one ticket in all departments.
7. No article in the department will be released to exhibitors before 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, and all articles must be removed that day before 2 p.m. **THERE WILL BE NO MONDAY PICKUP AT BUILDING 14A.** All items not picked up on Sunday will be disposed of.
8. Premium checks will NOT be mailed. They will be available during entry pick-up. Refer to general rules and regulations for more information.
9. **Entries in another building will not be accepted toward entries in Farm & Garden Building.**
10. Due to the uncertainty of any premium assistance which we may receive from the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, The Great Frederick Fair, Inc. reserves the right to adjust any and all premium offerings.
11. Exhibitor gives permission for exhibit to be used for demonstration/educational purposes.
12. Special award - The Fair President's Award may be awarded by The Great Frederick Fair President for any entry deserving special notice.

DIVISION 1 – FARM & GARDEN PRODUCTS DISPLAY

Chairperson: Linda DeLauder

Contact the Fair office if you are putting in a display for class 1 only.

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1. Farm and Garden Display	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175
<i>(Displays must include 20 or more kinds of grains, seeds, grasses, vegetables, fruits, melons, nuts, etc., correctly named and grown by one exhibitor or group. Fruits and vegetables must also be properly identified with cultivar or variety. All displays must encompass an 8-foot space.)</i> Contact Fair office by August 15th if putting in a display.				

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
2. Mini Farm & Garden Display	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
Open to 18+. <i>(Displays must include 8 or more kinds of vegetables, gourds, pumpkins, grains, seeds, vegetables, fruits, melons, nuts, etc., correctly named and grown by one exhibitor or group. The width of the display is 36 inches. This class is open to groups, families, community gardens, individuals, etc.)</i>				

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
3. Horticulture of the Future Display	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25		

Open to 18+. (Displays can consist of garden products grown using non-conventional method. The width of the display is 36 inches. This class is open to groups, families, community gardens, individuals, etc.)

4. Grange Farm & Garden Display	\$800					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th

5. Youth Farm & Garden Display	\$29	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18
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Open to youth in 2 age divisions 5-12 yrs. and 13-18 yrs. Each youth must register to receive an exhibitor number. (Please put age on entry form. No entry fee is charged, and no pass is issued. The display will consist of 5 specimens of six different fruits/and or vegetables of their own choice that must be grown by the youth. The width of the display is 36 inches.) (PARENTS CANNOT ASSIST.) Can belong to FFA and 4-H. (You do not need to contact the Fair office if putting in a Youth Display)

DIVISION 2 – FEED CORN (Open only to Frederick County exhibitors)

Chairperson: Earl Lenhart

All seeds must be grown in 2026. Exhibitor should indicate the variety if known when entry is made. Feed corn will be judged on the basis of quality and freedom from diseases and insect damage.

BEST OF SHOW \$10

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1. Yellow Feed Corn (10 ears)	\$16	\$13	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
2. White Feed Corn (10 ears)	8	7	6	5	3	2				
3. Best Single Ear of Feed Corn	7	5	4	3	2	1	1	1		
4. Corn – Longest Single Ear (1)	7	5	4	3	2	1	1	1		
5. Indian Corn, Fancy (10 ears, - out of husks)	7	5	4	2						
6. Popcorn, Fancy (10 ears – out of husks)	5	4	3	2						
7. Popcorn, Commercial (10 ears)	5	4	3	2						
8. Sugar Corn, White (10 ears)	5	4	3	2						
9. Sugar Corn, Yellow (10 ears)	5	4	3	2						

DIVISION 3 – GRAINS AND SEEDS (Open only to Frederick County exhibitors)

Chairperson: Earl Lenhart

All seeds must be grown in 2026.

Only exception is Class 5 soybeans, must have been grown in 2025.

1st \$6 | 2nd \$5 | 3rd \$4 | 4th \$3 | 5th \$2 | 6th \$2

BEST OF SHOW - RIBBON ONLY

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| 1. Barley, Half Gallon | 10. One Bundle Broom Corn |
| 2. Clover, Half Gallon | 11. Two Specimens of Broom Corn |
| 3. Oats, Half Gallon | 12. Display of Sunflowers (Min 2) |
| 4. Rye, Half Gallon | 13. Sunflower (Largest) (1) |
| 5. Soybeans, Half Gallon | 14. Sunflower, Best Seed Head Specimen (1) |
| 6. Timothy, Half Gallon | 15. Cotton (Plant) |
| 7. Wheat, Half Gallon | 16. Speltz, Half Gallon |
| 8. Shelled Corn, Yellow or White, Half Gallon | 17. Hops, Half Gallon |
| 9. Ground Ear Corn, Half Gallon | |

DIVISION 4 – CORN, GRAIN, AND SEEDS (Open only to Maryland exhibitors)

Chairperson: Earl Lenhart

All seeds must be grown in 2026. Only exception, Class 10 soybeans, must have been grown in 2025.

Exhibits must be grown by exhibitor and will be subject to the general rules of the Fair.

BEST OF SHOW - RIBBON ONLY

CLASS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1. 10 Ears White Corn	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$1
2. 10 Ears Yellow Corn	6	5	4	3	1
3. Single Ear White	5	4	3	2	1
4. Single Ear Yellow	5	4	3	2	1
5. Shelled Corn, White	5	4	3	2	1
6. Shelled Corn, Yellow	5	4	3	2	1
7. Barley, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	1
8. Oats, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	2
9. Rye, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	2
10. Soybeans, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	2
11. Timothy, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	2
12. Wheat, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	2
13. Longest Single Ear	5	4	3	2	2
14. Ground Ear Corn, Half Gallon	5	4	3	2	2

DIVISION 5 – HAY (Open only to Frederick County exhibitors)

Chairperson: Earl Lenhart

Cured below 20% moisture and taken from baled hay.

Samples must be tied securely and must weigh at least three pounds each.

1st \$6 | 2nd \$5 | 3rd \$4 | 4th \$3 | 5th \$2 | 6th \$2

BEST OF SHOW - \$5

FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU AWARD

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| 1. Alfalfa (100% alfalfa) | 4. Timothy |
| 2. Red Clover | 5. Orchard Grass |
| 3. Mixed Hay (10% - 50% grass) | 6. Grasses (other) |

DIVISION 6 – STRAW (Open only to Frederick County exhibitors)

Chairperson: Earl Lenhart

1st \$6 | 2nd \$5 | 3rd \$4 | 4th \$3 | 5th \$2 | 6th \$2

BEST OF SHOW - \$5

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| 1. Barley | 3. Wheat Sheaves |
| 2. Wheat | 4. Other |

DIVISION 7 – SILAGE (Open only to Frederick County exhibitors)

Chairperson: Earl Lenhart

1st \$6 | 2nd \$5 | 3rd \$4 | 4th \$3 | 5th \$2 | 6th \$2

BEST OF SHOW - \$5

1. 1 Quart Corn
2. 1 Quart Chopped hay Crop Silage – Grass
3. 1 Quart Chopped Hay Crop Silage – Legume
4. 1 Quart Ear Corn/High Moisture Shell Corn
5. 1 Quart Other Grain Silage
6. 1 Quart Round Bale Hay Crop Silage – Legume or Grass

***Must be submitted in plastic bags, glass containers will be provided*

DIVISION 8 – GARDEN PRODUCTS (Open only to Frederick County exhibitors)

Chairperson: Linda DeLauder

1st \$6 | 2nd \$5 | 3rd \$4 | 4th \$3 | 5th \$2 | 6th \$2

BEST OF SHOW - \$5

ONLY EXCEPTION IS CLASS 134 COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES

1st \$10 | 2nd \$8 | 3rd \$6

The Horn of Plenty Award will be given in memory of Atlee C. Kinna by his family for the best Collection of Vegetables.

***Note – if your exhibit is to be entered by weight, please advise the person taking your entry.**

BEST OF SHOW / RESERVE BEST OF SHOW - RIBBON ONLY

CLASS

1. Beans, Dried Other Shelled (1 pint)
2. Beans, Lima Shelled (1 pint)
3. Beans, Lima in Pod (15)
4. Beans, Green (15)
5. Beans, Roma, Green (15)
6. Beans, Roma, Other (wax, purple, etc.) (15)
7. Beans, Wax (15)
8. Beans, Other (15)
9. Beans, Soy Shelled (1 pint)
10. Beets, Sugar, 2" Trim (5)
11. Beets, Mangel, 2" Trim (5)
12. Beets, Other, 2" Trim (5)
13. Broccoli, in Water (1 bunch)
14. Brussels Sprouts (1 pint)
15. Cabbage, Ballhead (1)
16. Cabbage, Flat Dutch (1)
17. Cabbage, Savoy (1)
18. Cabbage, Red (1)
19. Cantaloupes, Any Variety (1)
20. Carrots, 2" Trim Off Top (5)
21. Cauliflower, 3" Trim (1)
22. Celery, in Water (1 bunch)
23. Corn, White Sweet (5 Unshucked)
24. Corn, Yellow Sweet (5 Unshucked)
25. Corn, Bi-Color Sweet (5 Unshucked)
26. Corn, Sweet, Other (5 Unshucked)
27. Cucamelon (10)
28. Cucumbers, Salad (3)
29. Cucumbers, Pickling (5)
30. Eggplant, Purple (2)
31. Eggplant, White (2)
32. Eggplant, Other (2)
33. Endive (2 heads in water)
34. Garlic (5 bulbs)
35. Horseradish (3)
36. Kale (5-7 leaves w/stems, in water, must be in glass container)
37. Melon, Other (casaba, honeydew) (1)
38. Okra, Green (10)
39. Okra, Red (10)
40. Onions, Ebenezer, Flat (5)
41. Onions, Globe Yellow (5)
42. Onions, Globe White (5)
43. Onions, Red Globe (5)
44. Onions, Red Flat (5)
45. Parsnips (5)
46. Peas, Sugar, In Pod (with stem) (15)
47. Peas, Long, In Pod (15)
48. Peas, Other, Shelled (1 pint) (15)
49. Peas, Other, In Pod (15)
50. Peppers, Banana – Hot (5)
51. Peppers, Banana – Sweet (5)
52. Peppers, Bell – Red (5)
53. Peppers, Bell – Yellow (5)
54. Peppers, Bell – Green (5)
55. Peppers, Cayenne (5)
56. Peppers, Jalapeno (5)
57. Peppers, Sweet Green (Other)(5)
58. Peppers, Sweet Red (Other)(5)
59. Peppers, Other Hot (5)
60. Pepper, Habanero (5)
61. Peppers, Sweet Yellow (5)
62. Peppers, Other Sweet (5)
63. Peppers, Display (not less than 3 varieties, 3 or more of each specimen-provide your own decorative container)
64. Potatoes, Fingerling (3)
65. Potatoes, Irish Cobbler (3)
66. Potatoes, Kennebec (3)
67. Potatoes, Other White Variety (3)
68. Potatoes, Largest White (3)
69. Potatoes, Red Bliss (3)
70. Potatoes, Red Pontiac (3)
71. Potatoes, Other Red Variety (3)
72. Potatoes, Yukon Gold (3)
73. Potatoes, Sweet Red (3)

74. Potatoes, Sweet White (3)
75. Potatoes, Other Sweet Variety (3)
76. Potatoes, Largest Sweet (3)
77. Potatoes, Largest (by weight)
78. Pumpkins, Cushaw Green Striped (2)
79. Pumpkins, Cushaw Other (2)
80. Pumpkins, Jack be Little (5)
81. Pumpkins, Jack-O-Lantern Type (1)
82. Pumpkins, Baby BOO (5) (*White variety of Jack-Be-Little*)
83. Pumpkins, Small Sugar (1)
84. Pumpkins, White (1)
85. Pumpkins, Other Variety (1)
86. Pumpkin, Largest (by weight)
87. Radish, Fall-Winter (2)
88. Rhubarb, Green, 1 bunch (6 stalks)
89. Rhubarb, Red, 1 bunch (6 stalks)
90. Salad Greens, 1 Variety (in water – 5 stems – must be identified)
91. Salad Greens, 3 or more Varieties (in water – 5 stems – must be identified)
92. Salsify, in water (5)
93. Spinach, 1 Bunch
94. Squash, Acorn Green (2)
95. Squash, Acorn Other (2)
96. Squash, Chinese (2)
97. Squash, Blue Hubbard (2)
98. Squash, Gold Hubbard (2)
99. Squash, Green Hubbard (2)
100. Squash, Butternut (2)
101. Squash, Patty Pan White (2)
102. Squash, Patty Pan, Other (2)
103. Squash, Spaghetti (2)
104. Squash, White, Other (2)
105. Squash, Yellow Summer (2)
106. Squash, Zucchini Green (2)
107. Squash, Zucchini Other (2)
108. Squash, Largest (by weight)
109. Squash, Display (not less than 4 varieties)
110. Swiss Chard in Water (must be in glass container)
111. Tomatoes, Paste (no stems) (5)
112. Tomatoes, Pink (no stems) (5)
113. Tomatoes, Red (no stems) (5)
114. Tomatoes, Yellow (no stems) (5)
115. Tomatoes, White (no stems) (5)
116. Tomatoes, Cherry Red (no stems) (10)
117. Tomatoes, Preserving Red (no stems)(10)
118. Tomatoes, Cherry Yellow (no stems) (10)
119. Tomatoes, Pear Yellow (no stems) (10)
120. Tomatoes, Grape (no stems) (10)
121. Tomatoes, Roma (no stems) (5)
122. Tomatoes, Other (no stems) (5)
123. Tomatoes, Largest
124. Tomatoes, Collection/Display (not less than 3 varieties, 3 of each specimen-provide your own decorative container)
125. Turnips, 2" Trim Off Top (5)
126. Watermelon (1)
127. Watermelon, Apple Melon (1)
128. Watermelon, Icebox (1)
129. Watermelon, Sugar Baby (1)
130. Watermelon, Seedless (1)
131. Watermelon, Largest (by weight)
132. New or Unusual Vegetable (must be identified)
133. Freak Vegetable
134. Collection of Veg., 6 or more (veg. must be edible, provide your own decorative container)
135. Other Vegetables Not listed (1)
136. Heirloom Vegetable not listed (1)
137. Multi-Cultural Veg. not listed (1)

DIVISION 9 - GOURDS

Chairperson: Linda DeLauder

1st \$5 | 2nd \$4 | 3rd \$3

BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON ONLY

1. Gourds, Display (1 variety)
2. Gourds, Display (5 or more varieties - provide your own decorative container)
3. Gourds, Decoration (Suitable for fall arrangement using ornamental/indian corn - provide your own decorative container)
4. Gourds, Best Single

DIVISION 10 – JUNIOR GARDEN PRODUCTS (*exhibitors must be under age 18*)

Chairperson: Linda DeLauder

1st \$5 | 2nd \$4 | 3rd \$3

BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON

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| 1. Tomatoes (3) | 5. Pumpkin (1) |
| 2. Peppers (3) | 6. Other Vegetable Not Listed (1) |
| 3. Potatoes (3) | 7. Sunflower, Best Seed Head Specimen (1) |
| 4. Collection of any 3 vegetables | 8. Gourd (1) |

DIVISION 11 – SPUDDY BUDDY/CREATIVE CRITTER

Decorated Potato/Critter made from fruits and/or vegetables

Chairperson: Nancy Blank

Rules and Regulations:

1. Entries accepted 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026 and Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 at building 14A.
2. All “Spuddy Buddy/Creative Critter” entries will be judged Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
4. Ribbons will be awarded for each class; as well as for, Cutest, Most Original, and Best of Show
5. A season pass may be purchased for \$12.
6. There are 4 age divisions: Youth 5-10, Youth 11-13, Youth 14-18 and Adults 19 and over. There are 2 classes per age division:
 - a. All Natural Spuddy Buddy/Creative Critter
(create using only fresh fruits, vegetables and/or natural materials)
 - b. Multi-medium Spuddy Buddy/Creative Critter
(create using a variety of items such as, but not limited to, pipe cleaners, paint, construction paper)
1. All Natural – Youth ages 5-10
2. All Natural – Youth ages 11-13
3. All Natural – Youth ages 14-18
4. All Natural – Adult ages 19 & up
5. Multi-medium – Youth ages 5-10
6. Multi-medium – Youth ages 11-13
7. Multi-medium – Youth ages 14-18
8. Multi-medium – Adult ages 19 & up

DIVISION 12 – PUMPKIN PALS

No carve decorated pumpkins

Chairperson: Nancy Blank

Rules and Regulations:

1. Entries accepted 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026 and Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 at building 14A.
2. All “Pumpkin Pal” entries will be judged Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
4. Ribbons will be awarded for each class; as well as for, Scariest, Funniest, Most Un-usual, and Best of Show
5. A season pass may be purchased for \$12.
6. Must be a pumpkin or member of the pumpkin family. NO artificial pumpkins
7. Pumpkins may not be carved or hollowed out.
8. Pumpkins may not be larger than 1’ x 1’ x 1’.
9. Objects, paper and materials of any kind may be pinned or glued to the pumpkin. Participants may also draw or paint on their pumpkins or dress them up.
10. There are 5 divisions: Ages 5-10, Ages 11-13, Ages 14-18, Ages 19 & up and Business/Commercial. **(Businesses: we invite you to enter your creatively decorated pumpkins as a way to advertise your business and show your competitive spirit!)**
 1. Ages 5-10
 2. Ages 11-13
 3. Ages 14-18
 4. Ages 19 & up
 5. Commercial/
Business

(One entry per business)

DIVISION 13 – FLEECE

Chairperson: Rhiannon Huscha

1st \$8 | 2nd \$6 | 3rd \$4

BEST OF SHOW/RESERVE BEST OF SHOW – RIBBON

Rules and Regulations:

1. Entries accepted 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 in building 14A.
2. The exhibitor must own the animal at the time of shearing to enter the fleece. No more than 3 fleeces from one exhibitor in each class.
3. Fleece must be from the current years clip.
4. Fleece should not be more than 12 months growth except for yearling, where 16 months of growth is allowed. Minimum staple length of 2.5 inches is recommended.
5. Fleeces should be clean, free of chaff, burrs, tags, second cuts and cotting. All fleece must be skirted.
6. Fleeces must be cut side out and tagged with breed, sex and number of months growth.
7. Place entire fleece in a clear unmarked plastic bag that can easily be opened. Do not tie shut.
8. A producer is eligible for no more than 2 money awards in any one class.
9. All fleeces will be judged to breed standards. Fleeces may be moved to a different class if the judge deems necessary.
10. All fleeces will be judged on 50% breed standard & 50% commodity rules. Fleeces will be examined for strength, length, handle and cleanliness (yield) as well as overall uniformity of the fleece.

Class

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| 1. Wool - White | 3. Goat Fleece |
| 2. Wool – Natural Color | 4. Camelid Fleece |

DIVISION 14 –SPINNING CONTEST

Chairperson: Rhiannon Huscha and Patricia Sanville

1st \$10 | 2nd \$8 | 3rd \$6

BEST OF SHOW – \$10

Rules and Regulations:

1. Open to all MD Residents
2. Both youth and adult contests will start at 7 p.m. in the sheep/goat arena (Bldg 28) on Thursday, Sept 24th.
3. Spinners will spin for 10 minutes. Their yarn will then be skeined and entered into one of the following categories: Fine, Medium, Thick and Longest yarn.
4. Divisions will include: Spinning Wheel, Drop/supported Spindle and E-spinner.
5. Contestants may only enter one division.
6. Contestants must bring their own Spinning Wheel, Drop/Supported Spindle or E-spinner.
7. Carded wool/roving will be provided.
8. Entry fee of \$10 per adult exhibitor.

Class

1. Youth (age 18 and under as of Jan 1st of current year)
2. Adult (age 19 and over as of Jan 1st of current year)

2026 Farm & Garden Building Demonstration / Activities



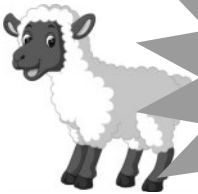
GRANGE

Join us in the Farm and Garden Building on Grange Day and throughout the week, where we'll have hands on activities, demonstrations, and Grange history. We love talking Grange, so stop by to see us!



BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies are taking flight in the Farm and Garden Building! Watch caterpillars munch on milkweed or catch a glimpse of a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis.



FLEECE

Ewe'll want to stop by the Farm and Garden Building for unbaa-lievable hands on activities and demonstrations using fleece

FCBA

Stop by the Farm & Garden Building to find out what all the buzz is about. The Frederick County Beekeeping Association will ensure you have a bee-utiful day with lots of activities and demonstrations. Bee on the lookout for the Queen, and don't worry you won't need to dress up to meet her.



Farm Bureau

Dig into all things agriculture with the Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. We'll have a bumper crop of activities and crafts for all ages.