

DIVISION III
GENERAL CANNING / FOOD PRESERVATION
SPECIAL RULES:

1. Exhibits will be registered during the following hours:
Tuesday, October 17 to October 20 from 3-5 p.m. in the fair office (old extension office) and on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9-12 in the fair office (old extension office).
2. Judging will take place on **Saturday, October 21 at 12 noon** using the Modified Danish System.
3. All entries in this Division must have been canned within the past twelve (12) months and must be the work of the exhibitor.
4. USDA Guidelines must be followed as to proper canning methods and use of proper jars.
5. Jar tops must be new and free from rust. Rings must be removed by the exhibitor.
6. No item will be accepted for judging that has previously been exhibited at the Columbia County Fair.
7. NO premium will be awarded when exhibit is regarded as unworthy.
8. All items MUST have Name, Address, Phone Number and Item description securely attached.
9. Premiums will not be paid without ALL correct information filled in on ALL registration forms.
10. All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with the fair shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee within 60 days from the date of the check: time being of the essence. If the recipient/payee fails to timely negotiate said check, all monies due recipient/payee shall belong to the fair and the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to the fair.
11. All entries that spoil before release will not receive premiums.
12. Only one (1) entry, per LOT number, per individual will be accepted.
13. A BEST OF CLASS will be chosen from the blue ribbon winners in each Class, accompanied by a \$10.00 premium. From the BEST OF CLASS in each given Division a BEST OF SHOW will be chosen, accompanied by a \$25.00 premium. From all the BEST OF SHOW winners - one (1) BEST OVERALL will be chosen, accompanied by a \$50.00 premium
14. Exhibits may be picked up on **Monday & Tuesday, November 6 & 7**, following the Fair, between the hours of **8:00 am and 5:00 pm in the Banquet Hall.**
15. See GENERAL RULES for detailed rules.
16. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REQUIRED.

JUDGING STANDARDS

1. Product in jar should be uniform in size and color.
2. Product should be essentially free of air bubbles.
3. The proper amount of head space should be allowed:
Vegetables/Meats/Soups/Broth - 1 inch
Fruits/Tomatoes - 1/2 inch
Jelly/Honey/Conserves/Butters/Marmalades/Jams - 1/4 inch
4. Paraffin wax SHOULD NOT be used to seal product in jar or as a substitute for the water bath or pressure canner process

The Educational Committee wants to encourage all entrants to enter their canning and food preservation items in the county fair. It is our hope that the above guidelines will assist you in producing a quality product. For a copy of the USDA guide lines or for more information, please call the Columbia County Fairgrounds @ 752-8822.