



Salem Fair
JUDGING
GUIDELINES

Information gathered and compiled by the Salem Fair Blue Ribbon Exhibits.

INTRODUCTION

Judging exhibits at a county or a state fair is a challenge!!

The information in this Judges' Guideline has been compiled from many Judges' guidebooks found online. We took the best information from each source to share with you. We hope that this Guideline contains information that will assist you, the judge, in evaluating entries. We also hope that it will provide guidance to the many exhibitors who enter into county and state fairs.

Information obtained from the following sources:

Prince William County Fair

Colorado State University

Colorado 4-H Extension

National Center for Home Food Preservation

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service

College of Family and Consumer Sciences in cooperation with the
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

North Dakota State University

Cooperative Extension Service | University of Kentucky College of Agriculture

Tasty Tidbits Montana 4-H Guide for Judges

University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension

Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service

Cooperative Extension Washington State University

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Services

Garden Produce Judging Criteria

Criteria

Produce		%
Color	appropriate for category	25
Uniformity	uniform in size and shape	25
Shape and Cleanliness	appropriate for category, clean	25
Size	good size for its use as food	10
Freshness/Maturity	no sign of damage, mature	10
Number	as listed in catalog	5

Specifics

Vegetables should be clean and trimmed.

Herbs should be fresh and tender with no sign of insect damage. Stems should be trimmed.

Judging Guidelines:

- If judging youth, please consider the age of youth being judged.
- Ribbons should be given to the top three items.