

DEPT. I-FRUIT CROPS-2026



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Quick Reference Fruit Crops

- Register by Tuesday, August 11th.
- Drop off August 17 from noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Pick up August 23 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- We are located in the Fine Arts Building.
- Please Pre-Register.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Pre-register your entries and mail them to Steele County Free Fair at P.O. Box 650 Owatonna, MN 55060, or register online at scff.org by August 11th.
2. Entries accepted 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Monday, August 17th.
3. All entries will be judged on Tuesday the 18th.
4. Only one entry per family in the same lot.
5. Each variety must be correctly named.
6. Fruit should be sound and free from disease and blemish. Stems should be present. Exhibits may be judged on flavor as well as appearance. It is recommended to wash apples.
7. Refer to each department description as to how many specimens to enter.
8. Exhibits can be picked up Sunday night from 8:00 – 9:00 PM on August 23rd.

CLASSES

CLASS 1-APPLES

Display 5 apples on a plate that is provided.

CLASS 2-PECK OF APPLES

Display a peck of apples in the boxes provided.

Lot-for Class 1 or Class 2

1. Beacon
2. Connell Red
3. Cortland
4. Delicious (Golden)
5. Empire
6. Fireside
7. Frostbite
8. Haralred
9. Haralson
10. Honey Crisp
11. Honey God
12. Keep Sake

13. McIntosh
14. Paula Red
15. Regent
16. Snow Sweet
17. Spartan
18. State Fair
19. Sweet Sixteen
20. SweeTango
21. Wealthy
22. Zestar
23. Any other variety

CLASS 3-TREE FRUIT

Lot

1. Centennial Crabapple-10 specimens
2. Chestnuts Crabapple-10 specimens
3. Dolga Crabapple-10 specimens
4. Early Strawberry Crabapple -10 specimens
5. Whitney Crabapple-10 specimens
6. Dwarf Pear-5 specimens
7. Parker Pear-5 specimens
8. Patten Pear-5 specimens
9. Luscious Pear-5 Specimens
10. Summer Crisp Pear-5 Specimens
11. Toka Plum-1/2 pint box
12. Cherries-1/2 pint box
13. Apricots-1/2 pint box
14. Wanda Plum-1/2 pint box
15. Any other variety of edible tree fruit

CLASS 4 – VINE FRUIT

Display 3 bunches on a plate provided.

Lot

1. Beta Grapes
2. Blue Bell Grapes
3. Concord Grapes
4. Fredonia Grapes
5. Frontenac Grapes
6. Frontenac Gris Grapes
7. La Crescent Grapes
8. Marquette Grapes
9. Somerset Seedless Grapes
10. St. Croix Grapes
11. Any other edible vine

CLASS 5 – BUSH FRUIT

Display berries in 1/2 pint boxes provided.

Lot

1. Blackberries
2. Blueberries
3. Choke Cherries
4. Cranberries
5. Elderberries
6. Garden Huckleberries
7. Ground Cherries in Husks
8. Gooseberries
9. Black Raspberries
10. Gold Raspberries
11. Red Raspberries

CLASS 6-LARGEST FRUIT

Lot

1. Largest fruit Lot
2. Heaviest Grape Bunch

CLASS 7-HONEY

Honey should be in 1/2 pint container with removable lid

Lot

1. Liquid Honey
2. Creamed Honey
3. Comb Honey
4. Other

CLASS 8-OTHER CROPS

Lot

1. Rhubarb-5 stalks tied together. Stalk pulled from plant, not cut. Trim leaf blade to 1 inch.
2. Nuts-10 specimens, 5 whole, 5 shelled

CLASS 9-SHOWCASE

Lot

1. Display

Using the provided 12"x22" box, display 6 or more fruits or nuts found locally.

Entries may be grown or foraged, i.e. wild fruits are allowed and need not be edible. Must be correctly identified and labeled. Display items proportionately to create visual interest.

Entries judged on quality, variety, arrangement and labeling.

PREMIUMS

Class 2, 9.....\$6.00 \$4.00 \$3.00

Class 1,3,4,5,6, 7, 8.....\$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

Champion ribbons and a \$5.00 premium may be awarded to the best exhibit in its class.

A reserve champion ribbon and a gift donated by **Steele County Master Gardeners** will be awarded to one exceptional exhibit.

Best apple exhibit receives a gift donated by **A Taste of the Big Apple.**

Best grape exhibit receives a gift donated by **Nagel Sod Farm & Nursery**

