

DEPARTMENT – I-01 – Agriculture Commodities/Field Crops

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Entries must be completed online at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.

A 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled in a beginning 4-H project or a soil-science project in order to enter an agriculture commodity exhibit in Agriculture Commodities Department at the Fair.

Rules and Regulations –

1. Exhibitor should have general knowledge of varieties, maturities, and harvest dates where applicable. The exhibitor must have raised or helped raise and or harvested the products exhibited, especially hay and straw. Questions will be relevant to the specific crop that is being exhibited.
2. Exhibits of hay and straw **must be securely tied four ways**. Exhibit must not be over 6” thick. Exhibit not meeting size standard may be disqualified.
3. If exhibit is taken from a round bale – exhibit **must be compressed and securely tied four ways** – maximum size is 18” x 18” x6”. Exhibits not meeting exhibit size standard may be disqualified.
4. Hay and straw bundles should only be placed in clear bags. **NO Black Bags**. Clear bags will be available to exhibitors from the superintendent if needed.

MANDATORY ITEM

5. A 3x5 index card must be attached to exhibit with tape or string. The following information should be included on the card.
 - a) Variety
 - b) Was seed certified
 - c) Date of seeding
 - d) Harvest Date
 - e) Intended use

Any exhibitor not providing the index card and information will result in a lower placing. Honey exhibitors are excluded from this rule.

6. Premiums – Class Champion - \$5; Blue Award - \$4; Red Award - \$3.75; White Award - \$3.50

Section 001 - Agricultural Commodities/Field Crops –

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Hay, one flake, at least 80% alfalfa –must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of one flake or bundle approximately 18”x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1002	2002	3002	Hay, one flake, clover – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1003	2003	3003	Hay, one flake, timothy – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1004	2004	3004	Hay, one flake, mixed – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1005	2005	3005	Straw, one flake, barley – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a white or black bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1006	2006	3006	Straw, one flake, oats – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1007	2007	3007	Straw, one flake, rye – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1008	2008	3008	Straw, one flake, wheat – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18” x 18” x 6” in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1009	2009	3009	Wheat, one quart jar with lid
1010	2010	3010	Oats, one quart jar with lid
1011	2011	3011	Barley, one quart jar with lid
1012	2012	3012	Rye, one quart jar with lid
1013	2013	3013	Corn Silage, one quart jar with lid
1014	2014	3014	Haylage, one quart jar with lid
1015	2015	3015	Corn, five ears, indicate variety (previous year’s corn acceptable)
1016	2016	3016	Corn, five stalks, green with ear attached
1017	2017	3017	Black Soybeans, one quart jar with lid (previous year’s black soybeans acceptable)
1018	2018	3018	Yellow Soybeans, one quart jar with lid (previous year’s yellow Soybeans acceptable)
1019	2019	3019	Honey, extracted, must be in standard 1 lb. glass or clear flat faced plastic jar. Jars must be unsealed for judges to evaluate.
1020	2020	3020	Honey, comb, two sections
1021	2021	3021	Sweet Corn, five ears with closed husk, must have been grown on one acre or more

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1022	2022	3022	Pop Corn, five ears
1023	2023	3023	Indian Corn, five ears
1024	2024	3024	Grass Hay—Later Cuttings – must be cured below 20% moisture. Exhibit shall consist of a flake or bundle approximately 18" x 18" x 6" in size. A bundle must be securely tied four ways. All exhibits shall be placed in a clear bag. (Please refer to rule 4 above.)
1025	2025	3025	Honey Frames - Frame of capped honey must be supported vertically in a sealed rigid display case with transparent windows for viewing the entire comb.
1026	2026	3026	Block Beeswax - Min. 1 lb. Must be rendered by exhibitor and a product of their hives.
1027	2027	3027	Shelled corn, one quart jar with lid
1028	2028	3028	Sorghum, 1 quart jar with lid

Section 002—Wool/Fleece Show

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors may enter a wool fleece from an animal owned by the exhibitor at time of shearing. Fleeces must have been shorn in the year since the last fair. Any fleece off of any sheep that has acceptable length (at least 2 inches) can be entered, including crossbred fleeces. Be sure to enter fleeces in the class that the fleece most closely resembles.
2. Fleece should be rolled properly, flesh side out, in such a way as to allow adequate handling, yet not affect the character or attractiveness. **Each entry must be tagged with: Exhibitor's Name, Address, Breed, Sex, Number of month's growth.**

Section 002 - Wool/Fleece Show –

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1050	2050	3050	Fine wool-- (white & black) Merino, Rambouillet, Natural Colored Fine Wool, etc.
1051	2051	3051	Medium Wool-- (white & black) Suffolk, Dorset, Cheviot, Southdown, etc.
1052	2052	3052	Coarse Wool --(white & black) Lincoln, Border Leicester, Cotswold, etc.
1053	2053	3053	Dual Coated (white & black) Shetland, Icelandic, Navajo Churro, etc.
1054	2054	3054	Long Wool (white & black) Border, Leicester, Lincoln, Romney
1055	2055	3055	Alpaca Fleece

Section 003 – Agriculture Commodities/Field Crops – Special Awards

Class 1070 - Champion & Reserve Champion Jr. Ag Commodity/Field Crops Exhibit– rosette and rosette

Class 2070 - Champion & Reserve Champion Int. Ag Commodity/Field Crops Exhibit – rosette and rosette

Class 3070 - Champion & Reserve Champion Sr. Ag Commodity/Field Crops Exhibit – rosette and rosette

Class 4071 - Champion and Reserve Champion Wool/Fleece- rosette and rosette

Class 5071 - Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Agriculture Commodity/Field Crop Exhibit – rosette and rosette