



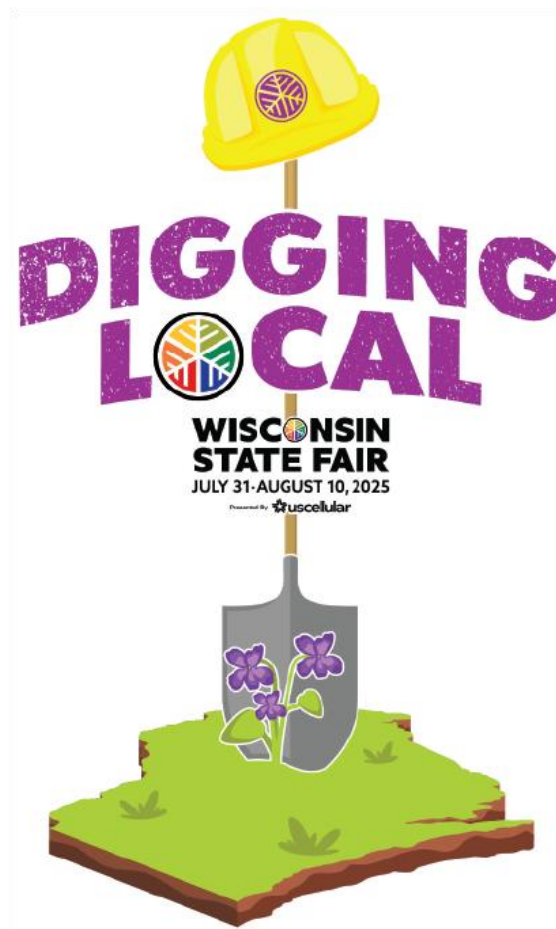
# Horticulture – Vegetable, Herb & Fruit Show

## Exhibitor Guide & Prize Listing

Entry Questions: 414/405-7995

**Entry Deadline: May 28, 2025**  
**at 7 pm (central time)**

Late Entry Deadline: June 11, 2025  
at 7 pm (central time)



This year, we ask our exhibitors to dig deep into local crops, products, flavors and traditions. Construct your home-grown exhibits brick by brick, from the ground up and inspired by the great state of Wisconsin. As a proud exhibitor, bring the best of your talents to the Wisconsin State Fair and display your hard work for over a million happy Fairgoers to enjoy.

Visitors anticipate seeing your creativity throughout your entries. Join in the celebration of 174 years of Wisconsin State Fair happenings. We couldn't do it without your passion and contributions.

See you at the 2025 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, July 31 – August 10!

Good luck,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shari Black'.

Shari Black  
Executive Director/CEO  
Wisconsin State Fair

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# Horticulture Schedule

➡ **Entry Deadline May 28, 2025 at 7 pm (central time)** ⬅

**2025 Theme: Digging Local**

Questions call: Horticulture Superintendent 414/405-7995

Date	Show	Arrival	Release	Judging
<b>Wednesday, July 30</b>	Dahlia I	After 6:00 pm		
	Gladiolus I	After 6:00 pm		
	Ikebana	After 6:00 pm		Display Only
	Milwaukee Bonsai Society	See show schedule		
	Professional (Completed)	By 4:00 pm		Display Only
	Veg./Herb/Fruit I	After 6:00 pm		
<b>Thursday, July 31</b>	Dahlia I	After 7:00 am		10:00 am
	Gladiolus I	After 7:00 am		12:00 pm
	Ikebana Show	After 7:00 am		Display Only
	Veg./Herb/Fruit I	After 7:00 am		11:00 am
<b>Saturday, August 2</b>	Rose Show	After 7:00 pm		
<b>Sunday, August 3</b>	Dahlia I		After 7:00 am	
	Dahlia II	After 7:00 am		10:00 am
	Ikebana Show		After 6:00 pm	
	Rose Show	After 7:00 am		10:15 am
<b>Monday, August 4</b>	Gladiolus I		After 7:00 am	
	Gladiolus II	After 7:00 am		12:00 pm
	Ikebana		7:00-8:00 am	
	Veg./Herb/Fruit I		After 7:00 am	
	Veg./Herb/Fruit II	After 7:00 am		11:00 am
<b>Wednesday, August 6</b>	Orchid Show	After 7:00 am		8:30 am
	Rose Show		After 7:00 pm	
<b>Thursday, August 7</b>	Dahlia II		After 7:00 am	
	Dahlia III	After 7:00 am		10:00 am
	Floral Designers of Wisconsin	After 7:00 am		10:00 am
	Veg./Herb/Fruit II		After 7:00 am	
	Veg./Herb/Fruit III	After 7:00 am		11:00 am
<b>Friday, August 8</b>	Gladiolus II		After 7:00 am	
	Gladiolus III	After 7:00 am		12:00 pm

**No deliveries to the building allowed after 9:00 am. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

# Wisconsin State Fair Competitive Exhibits Code of Conduct

Anyone attending Wisconsin State Fair Competitive Exhibits as an exhibitor, spectator, parent, superintendent, judge or Wisconsin State Fair official must always conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Conduct in a competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity.

Consequences of violating the Wisconsin State Fair Competitive Exhibits Code of Conduct may include: removal from the Fairgrounds, suspension, reduction and/or loss of prize(s), loss of ribbon(s), loss of future exhibiting privileges, and/or permanent suspension from Wisconsin State Fair. If an exhibitor wishes to protest a decision, one must follow the protest procedures sequence as specified in the Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department Decision Review Procedures available online.

## Goal

The goal of the Wisconsin State Fair Competitive Exhibits is to encourage creativity, showcase exhibitors' talents and celebrate the Wisconsin State Fair tradition. Good luck to all!

## Ethics

1. Exhibitors agree to accept all systems/procedures selected by Wisconsin State Fair to verify rule compliance.
2. Exhibitors agree to accept all procedures used by Wisconsin State Fair Competitive Exhibits to select qualified judges for all competitions.
3. Tampering with the competition or judging process will be considered fraud and deception.
4. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the Competitive Exhibits, Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor for intentional tampering, deception or misinformation.
5. All exhibitors involved in breaking rules will be subject to award(s) and prize money forfeiture, which may include dismissal from the Fairgrounds and/or being barred from competition immediately and/or in future competitions at Wisconsin State Fair.
6. The act of entering an exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair gives verification that the exhibitor has read the Wisconsin State Fair Competitive Exhibits Code of Conduct and understands the consequences and/or penalties for violating any rules. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules, may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

# Vegetable, Herb & Fruit Show Special Rules

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# Vegetable, Herb & Fruit Show – Divisions 491-493

2025 Theme: Digging Local

**Prize Money**      1<sup>st</sup> - \$12.00      2<sup>nd</sup> - \$11.00      3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00      4<sup>th</sup> - \$9.00

## Vegetable Show Classes

Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Show – Division 491	2 <sup>nd</sup> Show – Division 492	3 <sup>rd</sup> Show – Division 493
Bean, cranberry, plate of 10	100	100	100
Bean, great northern, plate of 10	101	101	101
Bean, lima, plate of 10	102	102	102
Bean, snap green, plate of 10	103	103	103
Bean, yellow, plate of 10	104	104	104
Beet, plate of 3	105	105	105
Bok choy, 3 stems	106	106	106
Broccoli, plate of 1 <b>first show only</b>	107	-	-
Brussel sprout, 1 stalk <b>third show only</b>	-	-	108
Cabbage, Chinese, plate of 1	109	109	109
Cabbage, conical, plate of 1	110	110	110
Cabbage, green, plate of 1	111	111	111
Cabbage, red, plate of 1	112	112	112
Cabbage, savoy, plate of 1	113	113	113
Carrot, any other color (not orange), plate of 3	114	114	114
Carrot, orange, plate of 3	115	115	115
Cauliflower, plate of 1, <b>third show only</b>	-	-	116
Celery, 1 stalk	117	117	117
Collard, provide name, vase of 3 leaves	118	118	118
Corn, plate of 2	119	119	119
Cucumber, English greenhouse style, plate of 1	120	120	120
Cucumber, pickling, plate of 2	121	121	121
Cucumber, slicing, plate of 2	122	122	122
Cucumber, specialty, lemon, white, etc., plate of 2	123	123	123
Eggplant, any other type not listed, provide name, plate of 2	124	124	124
Eggplant, Asian style, plate of 2	125	125	125
Eggplant, Italian style, plate of 1	126	126	126
Fennel, bulb, plate of 1 fennel bulb <b>first show only</b>	127	-	-
Garlic, 1 bulb	128	128	128
Garlic, elephant, 1 bulb	129	129	129
Gourd, any type, plate of 1, <b>third show only</b>	-	-	130
Kale, provide name, vase of 3 leaves	131	131	131
Kohlrabi, plate of 3	132	132	132
Leek, plate of 3	133	133	133

Okra, plate of 3 pods	134	134	134
Onion, Borettana Cipollini, plate of 3	135	135	135
Onion, red, plate of 3	136	136	136
Onion, white, plate of 3	137	137	137
Onion, yellow, plate of 3	138	138	138
Parsnips, plate of 3 <b>third show only</b>	-	-	139
Pepper, banana, plate of 3	140	140	140
Pepper, bell, plate of 3	141	141	141
Pepper, cayenne, plate of 5	142	142	142
Pepper, habanero, plate of 5	143	143	143
Pepper, heirloom, provide name, plate of 3	144	144	144
Pepper, Jalapeno, plate of 5	145	145	145
Pepper, mini bell or sweet pepper, plate of 3	146	146	146
Pepper, poblano, plate of 3	147	147	147
Pepper, serrano, plate of 3	148	148	148
Pepper, sweet non bell type, plate of 3	149	149	149
Potato, blue, plate of 3	150	150	150
Potato, fingerling, plate of 3	151	151	151
Potato, red type, plate of 3	152	152	152
Potato, russet type, plate of 3	153	153	153
Potato, any other type not listed, provide name, plate of 3	154	154	154
Pumpkin, plate of 1, <b>third show only</b>	-	-	155
Radicchio, plate of 1 <b>second show only</b>	-	156	-
Radish, any type, provide name, plate of 3	157	157	157
Rutabaga, plate of 1	158	158	158
Shallot, any type, plate of 3, <b>first show only</b>	159	-	-
Squash, summer, crookneck, plate of 2	160	160	160
Squash, summer, patty pan, plate of 3	161	161	161
Squash, summer, zucchini, plate of 1	162	162	162
Squash, winter, acorn, plate of 1, <b>first show only</b>	163	-	-
Squash, winter, buttercup, plate of 1	164	164	164
Squash, winter, butternut, plate of 1	165	165	165
Squash, winter, delicata, plate of 1	166	166	166
Squash, winter, hubbard, plate of 1	167	167	167
Squash, winter, kabocha, plate of 1	168	168	168
Squash, winter, spaghetti, plate of 1	169	169	169
Swiss chard, vase of 3 leaves	170	170	170
Tomatillo, plate of 5	171	171	171
Tomato, smaller than 1 inch, plate of 5	172	172	172
Tomato, 1-3 inches, plate of 3	173	173	173
Tomato, 3 inches or larger, plate of 3	174	174	174
Tomato, any other type not listed, provide name, plate of 3	175	175	175
Tomato, bicolor, i.e. Pineapple, Mr. Strippey, etc., provide name, plate of 3	176	176	176



Tomato, brown, i.e. Brown Cherry, provide name, plate of 3	177	177	177
Tomato, green (when ripe), i.e. Green Zebra, provide name, plate of 3	178	178	178
Tomato, paste/sauce, plate of 3	179	179	179
Tomato, purple or black, i.e. Cherokee Purple, Black Krim, provide name, plate of 3	180	180	180
Tomato, truss, each truss must have at least 4 tomatoes, plate of 2 trusses	181	181	181
Tomato, yellow or orange, plate of 3	182	182	182
Turnip, plate of 3	183	183	183

## Miniature Vegetable Show Classes

Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Show – Division 491	2 <sup>nd</sup> Show – Division 492	3 <sup>rd</sup> Show – Division 493
Baby beet, i.e. Babybeat plate of 3	190	190	-
Baby cabbage, i.e. Gonzales, plate of 1	191	-	191
Baby carrot, i.e. Thumbelina, plate of 3	192	192	-
Baby corn, plate of 3	-	193	-
Baby cucumber, less than 3 inches in length, i.e. Mini Munch, plate of 3	-	194	194
Baby eggplant, i.e. Fairytale, plate of 2	-	195	-
Baby pepper, bell, plate of 3	196	-	196
Baby pumpkin, plate of 1	-	-	197
Baby tomato, currant style, half-inch fruit, i.e. red currant, plate of 3	198	198	198
Baby zucchini, under 2 inches in diameter, i.e. Pool Ball, plate of 3	199	-	199

## Herb Show Classes (5 Stems unless indicated)

Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Show – Division 491	2 <sup>nd</sup> Show – Division 492	3 <sup>rd</sup> Show – Division 493
Basil, African blue	200	200	200
Basil, cinnamon	201	201	201
Basil, Everleaf Thai towers	202	202	202
Basil, genovese	203	203	203
Basil, lemon	204	204	204
Basil, lettuce leaf	205	205	205
Basil, lime	206	206	206
Basil, minette, bush	207	207	207
Basil, pesto perpetuo	208	208	208
Basil, purple	209	209	209
Basil, Thai Siam queen	210	210	210
Borage	211	211	211

Calendula	212	212	212
Catnip	213	213	213
Chamomile	214	214	214
Chive	215	215	215
Chive, garlic	216	216	216
Cilantro	217	217	217
Dill	218	218	218
Echinacea, purpurea	219	219	219
Epazote	220	220	220
Fennel, bronze	221	221	221
Fennel, green	222	222	222
Geranium, scented, provide name	223	223	223
Hibiscus, roselle	224	224	224
Horehound	225	225	225
Hyssop, anise, leaf and flower	226	226	226
Lavender, purple flower	227	227	227
Lavender, any other color flower	228	228	228
Lemon balm	229	229	229
Lemongrass	230	230	230
Lovage	231	231	231
Marjoram	232	232	232
Mint, provide name	233	233	233
Nasturtium, leaf and flower	234	234	234
Oregano, common	235	235	235
Oregano, Cuban	236	236	236
Oregano, Kent Beauty	237	237	237
Oregano, Kirigami	238	238	238
Parsley, curly	239	239	239
Parsley, flat leaf	240	240	240
Rosemary	241	241	241
Sage, Berggarten	242	242	242
Sage, common	243	243	243
Sage, golden variegated	244	244	244
Sage, mealy cup	245	245	245
Sage, Mexican bush	246	246	246
Sage, pineapple	247	247	247
Sage, purple	248	248	248
Sage, smude	249	249	249
Sage, tri-color	250	250	250
Sage, white	251	251	251
Santalina	252	252	252
Savory	253	253	253
Shiso	254	254	254
Stevia	255	255	255
Sweet Annie	256	256	256
Thyme, English	257	257	257
Thyme, French	258	258	258
Thyme, German winter	259	259	259
Thyme, lemon	260	260	260

Thyme, lime	261	261	261
Thyme, mother-of-thyme	262	262	262
Thyme, orange	263	263	263
Thyme, red creeping	264	264	264
Thyme, summer	265	265	265
Thyme, silver edge	266	266	266
Thyme, variegated	267	267	267
Thyme, woolly creeping	268	268	268
Tarragon	269	269	269
Verbena, lemon	270	270	270

## Digging Local...Fresh Picked Fruit Classes

Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Show – Division 491	2 <sup>nd</sup> Show – Division 492	3 <sup>rd</sup> Show – Division 493
Fruit, apple, plate of 3	285	285	285
Fruit, grape, plate of 3 bunches	287	287	287
Fruit, melon, canary, plate of 1	288	288	288
Fruit, melon, honeydew, plate of 1	289	289	289
Fruit, muskmelon, plate of 1	291	291	291
Fruit, pear, plate of 3	292	292	292
Fruit, plum, plate of 3	293	293	293
Fruit, raspberry, red, in sealed pint mason jar	294	294	294
Fruit, watermelon, plate of 1	295	295	295

# Special Awards

## **Best of Division – Vegetable Show**

Wisconsin State Fair judges will determine the Best of Division – Vegetable for each show. Commemorative ribbon and \$30.00 special prize money.

## **Best of Division – Miniature Vegetable Show**

Wisconsin State Fair judges will determine the Best of Division – Miniature Vegetable for each show. Commemorative ribbon and \$30.00 special prize money.

## **Best of Division – Herb Show**

Wisconsin State Fair judges will determine the Best of Division – Herb for each show. Commemorative ribbon and \$30.00 special prize money.

## **Best of Division – Digging Local...Fresh Picked Fruit**

Wisconsin State Fair judges will determine the Best of Division – Digging Local...Fresh Picked Fruit classes for each show. Commemorative ribbon and \$30.00 special prize money.

# Market Basket and Herb Collection Display Rules

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The exhibitor must attach a card to the container, listing the plant names and varieties.

## Judging Criteria

Cultural perfection	60
Creative arrangement	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Prize Money**      1<sup>st</sup> - \$30.00      2<sup>nd</sup> - \$25.00      3<sup>rd</sup> - \$22.00      4<sup>th</sup> - \$20.00

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## **Special Rules for Market Basket and Herb Collection Classes**

1. Exhibitors must create an attractively arranged market basket using five different kinds of vegetables, herbs or flowers.
2. The market basket arrangement should reflect the class title.
3. Entries with greater or lesser numbers will be disqualified.
4. The entry must contain only specimens commonly known as vegetables, herbs and flowers.
5. Presentation materials are allowed but should not be the focal point.
6. The display shall not exceed 36 inches in length and 36 inches in width, or if it is round, must not exceed 36 inches in diameter.
7. Vegetables, herbs and flowers shown must have been grown by the exhibitor.
8. The container must hold all of the market basket items for the entry: specimens may not overflow to the display table (see exception for bricks on page 15).

## **Market Basket Collection Classes – Divisions 494-496 All New Classes!**

**2025 Theme: Digging Local**

### **Division 494 – First Show – July 31, 2025**

**Class 100. New! Digging Local...Farmers market finest**

**Items:** Four vegetables  
One flower

**Container:** Exhibitors choice

### **Division 495 – Second Show – August 4, 2025**

**Class 100. New! Digging Local...Loving Local**

**Items:** Three vegetables  
Two herbs

**Container:** Six pack beer carrier

### **Division 496 – Third Show – August 7, 2025**

**Class 100. New! Digging Local... Proceed with caution**

**Items:** One orange flower  
three vegetables  
Remaining item, exhibitor's choice (herbs, vegetables, flowers)

**Container:** Cream puff – 6 pack and must include caution tape  
(Wisconsin State Fair will provide both Cream puff – 6 pack box and caution tape on August 7, 2025)

# **Herb Market Basket Collection Classes – Divisions 497-499**

## **All New Division Featuring Herbs & Flowers!**

**2025 Theme: Digging Local**

**Be sure to read special rules for the market basket collection class on page 14.**

### **Division 497 – First Show – July 31, 2025**

#### **100. New! Digging Local...Wisconsin garnishes**

**Items:** Four herbs  
One flower

**Container:** Exhibitors Choice

### **Division 498 – Second Show – August 4, 2025**

#### **100. New! Digging Local...Brick by brick**

**Items:** Three flowers  
Two herbs or flowers (exhibitor's choice)

**Container:** Brick 15.5" x 7.5" x 3.75"  
(Wisconsin State Fair will provide on August 4, 2025)  
Up to 3 bricks can be used. Display must stay within 36" x 36" x 36" display area. Due to limited space within the bricks items can be placed on top of bricks for this class.

### **Division 499 – Third Show – August 7, 2025**

#### **Class 100. New! Digging Local...Gravel happens**

**Items:** Three herbs  
Two flowers orange

**Container:** Empty yellow sandbag, must include gravel  
(Wisconsin State Fair will provide both the sandbag and gravel on August 7, 2025)

# Largest Vegetable & Flower Show Special Rules

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# **Largest Vegetable, Flower & Herb Show Classes – Divisions 500 – 502 All New Classes!**

The Wisconsin State Fair is proud to announce a contest featuring the state's largest and tallest produce and flowers. The first-place winners in all classes will receive \$30.00 in prize money, a commemorative ribbon and bragging rights.

## **Division 500 – First Show – Thursday, July 31, 2025**

- 101. Cabbage, heaviest
- 102. Fennel, tallest
- 103. Nasturtium, largest bloom
- 104. Onion, largest diameter
- 105. Radish, largest diameter

## **Division 501 – Second Show – Monday, August 4, 2025**

- 101. Beet, largest diameter
- 102. Elephant ear, tallest
- 103. Jalapeño, largest
- 104. Nasturtium leaf, largest
- 105. Zinnia, largest by diameter

## **Division 502 – Third Show – Thursday, August 7, 2025**

- 101. Basil, tallest
- 102. Corn stalk, tallest
- 103. Sunflower head, widest
- 104. Tomato, heaviest
- 105. Zucchini, heaviest

# 2025 General Rules and Regulations – Wisconsin State Fair

Exhibitors are expected to read and understand all rules prior to submitting an entry for the Fair.

## General Rules and Regulations

Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regards thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to Wisconsin State Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.

All exhibitors are expected to conform with Wisconsin State Fair General Rules and Regulations. Any person who violates any of the special rules will forfeit all privileges and prize money and be subject to such penalty as the management may order. Failure to comply may result in award(s) and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from the Fairgrounds, and being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation occurred and from all departments entered, and/or in future competition in Wisconsin State Fair. In the event of conflict between the general rules and the special rules governing the various departments, the special rules will govern.

The following due process will be used in the questions of rule violation: the exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Department Superintendent. If it is felt that a violation has occurred, the Department Superintendent will make a ruling. The ruling of the Department Superintendent will be final. See Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department Decision Review Procedures available online.

## Administrative Offices

Any correspondence should be addressed to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84 St, West Allis, WI 53214.

## Admission Tickets

See entry form to order tickets. Ticket orders will be limited to 50 tickets per exhibitor. Tickets will be sent out beginning in mid-June.

## Entry Questions

For information and questions, please call: 414/777-0580.

## Entry Requirements

Application for entries in all departments must be made on the printed entry form (or online) and must be in full compliance with the printed instructions. **There are no refunds of entry fees or late fees.** Entries will be disqualified if not entered under the name of the person who made the item. All entries must be made by the exhibitor unless otherwise stated in the entry information. Violation of this rule will forfeit any prize money awarded to such exhibitor in all departments at the Wisconsin State Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right at any time to refuse entries or items entered. Entry deadlines are specified under each department's rules/schedule. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered in a division, and/or do not meet the specifications of the class can be transferred to a proper class or disqualified by the superintendent prior to judging. If such classes already have been judged, they shall not be reopened. No employee of the Wisconsin State Fair, or member of their immediate family shall be allowed to exhibit in the department in which they are employed. Any exhibitor's check(s) returned from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a \$20.00 service fee.

**Note:** Entry forms will be returned if not filled out completely.

## **Exhibit Release**

Exhibits will be released according to each department's regulations. The Wisconsin State Fair Director or their designee may change the time of release in any department at their discretion. Competitive exhibits which have not been claimed by exhibitors by 6:00 pm on the Tuesday after the Wisconsin State Fair will be disposed of and/or donated by management as they see fit.

## **Judging of Exhibits**

Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors submitting exhibits for the Wisconsin State Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. The judging schedule is printed at the beginning of each department in the Exhibitors Guide & Prize Listing. If any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prize money awarded and will be excluded from further competition. Judges will not be permitted to show in divisions they judge. Unworthy exhibits will not be placed by the judge. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases.

## **Prize Money/Awards**

Prize money will be mailed starting in September 2025. In paying prize money, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the signed Judging Sheets. Any prize money discrepancies must be mailed to Wisconsin State Fair no later than October 1, 2025. Exhibitors should contact Wisconsin State Fair in writing at 640 S 84 St, West Allis, WI 53214. Please include your name, department, division, class and explanation of the discrepancy. All checks are void one (1) year after they are issued. Any checks not cashed causes automatic forfeit of prize money won.

## **Liability**

Wisconsin State Fair will take reasonable precaution to protect the safety of the exhibits sent to the Wisconsin State Fair, but owners themselves take the risk of exhibiting them. Should any exhibit or portion thereof be injured, damaged, lost or stolen, Wisconsin State Fair personnel will give assistance toward recovery of the same, but will not be liable or make any payment for the value thereof.

Neither the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Fair, its agents or employees shall be liable for any loss to an exhibitor occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure, or damage caused by weather to any exhibit, article, item, equipment or commercial exhibit left in the building or on the grounds after the close of the Wisconsin State Fair.

Exhibitors and/or machinery, while stationary or in motion, and any other exhibits or equipment which may cause accidents, injury or damage to persons or property coming in contact with or in proximity to them, shall guard their exhibits or machinery, and protect the public from coming in contact therewith at all times while on the Fairgrounds. Every such exhibitor or owners shall indemnify the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Fair Park Board, its agents and employees from and against claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it or they might incur, suffer or be put to by reason of failure to take the precaution above referred to or failure to comply with Wisconsin State Fair rules, policies or directives. Liability insurance to comply with indemnity provisions is required. Presentation of an exhibitor's receipt shall be deemed acceptance of this provision.

**Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department Decision Review Procedures now available online at [www.tinyurl.com/25m44xfh](http://www.tinyurl.com/25m44xfh)**