

HORTICULTURE EXHIBIT
63rd Annual Navajo Nation Fair
September 6-13, 2009

Special Rules for Exhibitors

1. Entries must be home grown by farmers/gardeners residing on the Navajo Nation or Navajo farmers/gardeners residing off the Navajo Nation.
2. Entries will be accepted from the following farm types;
 - a.) Irrigated Farms
 - b.) Dryland Farms
 - c.) Home Gardens
 Entries must be entered in the classes and varieties shown on the premium listing. Entries will be judged on quality, appearance and maturity. Exhibitors must bring the number of specified entries in each variety group, such as (3 apples per entry). During drought, there maybe limited produce in various farming categories, judges will decide on categories with limited entries.
3. Fruit and vegetable baskets may consist of several varieties of produce grown by exhibitor. The container used as a basket to display the fruits and vegetables will be the exhibitors choice.
4. There is no age limit to exhibit and enter the Horticulture Exhibit. All entries must be must be delivered on September 9 and 10 , 2009. Judging will be on Friday, September 11, 2009. All entries will remain on display at the Horticulture Exhibition Area until Sunday, September 13, 2009.
5. Winners can begin picking up their premiums Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Premiums will continue to be paid throughout the duration of the 63rd Annual Navajo Nation Fair. Premiums will be picked at Nakai Hall, on the Navajo Nation Fair Grounds, Window Rock, Arizona. All Premiums not picked up by exhibitors by September 18, 2009 will be forfeited to the Navajo Nation Fair. No premiums will be paid out after September 18, 2009.
6. The exhibit will be closed to exhibitors and the general public during judging. At the discretion of the judges and coordinators, additional categories of competition in a variety group may be added, if sufficient entries warrant and funds are available. No interference with judging will be allowed. The Best of Show Award will be determined by the judges and coordinators, all entries will be considered.
7. The Navajo Nation and Exhibit Coordinators will not be responsible for unclaimed, missing, damaged, spoiled and wilted entries. The Navajo Nation and Exhibit Coordinators will not be held liable for any injuries, accidents, thefts or illnesses resulting from the Horticulture Exhibit or events sponsored in conjunction with this exhibit. The coordinators reserve the right to discard or remove any entry that poses a public nuisance, safety or health hazard or risk to the public.
8. A Farmers Market will be held, Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Horticulture Exhibit Area in Nakai Hall, on the Navajo Nation Fair Grounds, in Window Rock, Arizona. The Farmers Market will begin at 10:00 a.m. Farmers who have exhibited their produce at the Horticulture Exhibition can sell their produce to the general public. Additional produce may be brought to sell on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Produce can only be sold by the exhibitor in which it belongs to. Exhibitors must provide their own change, bags, etc. All produce not claimed by 12:00 noon on September 13, 2009 will be disposed of.

Awards

1. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention
2. Premium payments for 1st and 2nd place awards
3. Best of Show Award and Premium
4. Largest Produce Award and Premium (at judges' discretion)
5. Fruit and Vegetable Basket Award and Premium
6. Floral Arrangement Awards and Premium
7. Creative Display

Produce Class	Variety Group	Irrigated	Dryland	Garden
Field Crop (FC)	Corn Indian (3 ears) White	X	X	X
Field Crop (FC)	Corn Indian (3 ears) Yellow	X	X	X
Field Crop (FC)	Corn Indian (3 ears) Blue	X	X	X
Field Crop (FC)	Alfalfa Hay (2 bales)	X		
Field Crop (FC)	Grass Hay (2 bales)	X	X	
Field Crop (FC)	Oat Hay (2 bales)	X	X	
Field Crop (FC)	Wheat hay (2 bales)	X		
Field Crop (FC)	Sorghum (bunch tied)	X		
Field Crop (FC)	Corn Stock (bunched tied)	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Potato (white) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Potato (red) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Hubbard) 2 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Cushaw) 2 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Banana) 2 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Butternut) 2 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Spring Yellow) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Scallop) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Squash (Zucchini) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Pumpkin (Any Variety) 2 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Tomato (Red) 3 each			X
Vegetable (VE)	Other Tomato 3 each			X
Vegetable (VE)	Onions (White) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Onions (Yellow) 3 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Onions (Purple)	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Green Chili 6 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Jalapeno 6 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Other Chili 6 each	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Other Chili	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Sweet Corn 4 ears with husk	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Cucumbers 4 each			X
Vegetable (VE)	Radish 2 bundles			X
Vegetable (VE)	Turnips 3 each			X
Vegetable (VE)	Carrots 6 each			X
Vegetable (VE)	Cabbage 1 head			X
Vegetable (VE)	Lettuce 1 head			X
Vegetable (VE)	Egg Plant 3 each			X
Vegetable (VE)	Green Beans (Any Variety)			X
Vegetable (VE)	Beans	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Other	X	X	X
Vegetable (VE)	Herbs			X
Melon (ME)	Watermelon, (Round, Green) 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Watermelon, (Round, Light Green) 2 ea.	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Watermelon, (Long, Green) 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Watermelon, (Long, Light Green) 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Watermelon, (Striped) 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Muskmelon, 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Honeydew, 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Casabas, 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Cantaloupe, 2 each	X	X	X
Melon (ME)	Other Melon, 2 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Apples (Red), 3 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Apples (Red), 3 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Apples (Yellow), 3 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Apples (Green), 3 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Pears, 3 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Peaches, 3 each	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Apricots, 3 each	X	X	X

Fruit (FR)	Grapes, 1 bunch	X		X
Fruit (FR)	Sunflowers	X	X	X
Fruit (FR)	Peanuts	X		X
Fruit (FR)	Strawberries			X
Fruit (FR)	Cherries	X	X	X

SPECIAL CATEGORY

Top Farmers - Irrigated - Dryland - Home Garden		X	X	X
(1) Largest Produce (1) Best of Show	Chosen from all categories of farming			
Floral Arrangement Fruit and Vegetable Basket Creative Display Best Tasting Water Melon	Chosen from individual category, do not have to be in category of irrigated, dryland or gardener			

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WELCOME TO THE 63RD ANNUAL HORTICULTURE EXHIBIT

We're proud to be a part of the Navajo Nation Fair to be held
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Historically, the Horticulture Exhibit was one of the primary and major focal events of the Fair. Farmers brought their produce and crops to the Fair not only to enter in competition but, to sell and trade for goods they needed at home. They came in wagons, drawn by horse, their wagons contained as much produce as they could pack into it. It was a long journey to the fair but, it was an annual event that could not be missed. They often met their relatives and friends at the fair and enjoyed sharing melon, corn, squash with hot tortillas or frybread. Today, the only thing that has changed is farmers bring their produce in pickup trucks, they still enjoy the competition, but more importantly they use this time to visit with relatives and friends who also visit the fair. Due to the improved methods of farming, new varieties of vegetables and fruits, production has increased and farmers have more produce.

In our Northern Navajo Agency, they irrigate their produce and crops from the San Juan River, making this area the major farming region of the Navajo Nation. Several Navajo Chapters make up the San Juan River Farm Board, they ensure and encourage all farmers with farmland, to farm their farm plots. The major produce and crop grown in this area is Navajo Corn and Alfalfa Hay.

We have five reservoir or man-made lakes which make up Ganado, Many Farms, Tsaile/Wheatfields farm areas in Arizona and Red Lake, Red Willow which are located in New Mexico. These farmers irrigate their crops and produce from nearby reservoirs. They are represented by individual farm boards who have been elected by their Navajo Chapters for their respective farm area. While Red Lake, Tsaile/Wheatfield and Ganado are located on higher elevations of the Navajo Nation, their regions get approximately over 20 inches of rainfall annually. The remaining two farm areas are located in lower elevations and receive from 10 to 16 inches of rainfall annually.

The Navajo Nation also has small dryland farm areas, located throughout the reservation. The individuals who farm these areas have their own unique way of farming. Dryland farming is just that, they rely on annual rainfall throughout the Navajo Nation monsoon season, from late June to August to grow their crops. Initially, they plant their crops in mid May, they receive the last of the rainfall for the spring then, endure until the last week of June when the rain starts. It is not uncommon to see these farmers haul water to their crops of vegetables, primarily Navajo Corn to get them to the monsoon season.

All in all, the growing season varies throughout the Navajo Nation, in our higher elevations we get a 90 day growing season, in lower elevations we get a 120 day growing season. Every year new farmers and gardeners try their hand at growing produce and crops. Limitations of water whether we are farmers with large acreage or gardeners in our back yards play a big role in our success and our continued effort to farm and garden. We are hard working people, not afraid to plant, weed and water our plants but, if there's no water available, we wait for the next year.

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