

# GARDEN & FARM CROPS

Dept. GF



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**GARDEN & FARM CROPS MISSION STATEMENT:** To be knowledgeable and helpful to our exhibitors in the growing of their product and their exhibits; to maintain excellence and strive to make the best better.

**JUDGES:** Jack Baringer (Farm Crops); Josh Pecukonis (Gardening Show 1); Luanna Maxwell (Gardening Show 2)

## 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed will be in the Harvest Building)

<b>Wednesday, July 5 –</b>	9am - 4pm	Entry Office open to pre-register entry forms. Call 727-7900 and
<b>Tuesday, July 25</b>	Mon - Fri	ask for Entry Office for more information.
<b>Tuesday, July 25</b>	9am-5pm	<b>Farm Crops entries accepted</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b>	9am	<b>Farm Crops Judging</b>
<b>Thursday, July 27</b>	10am-8pm	<b>Gardening Show 1: Entries accepted</b>
<b>Friday, July 28</b>	9am	<b>Gardening Show 1: Judging</b>
	Noon	Fair opens to the public
<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	1pm, 3pm, & 5pm	“Veggie 500” Races
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	1pm, 3pm, & 5pm	“Veggie 500” Races
<b>Monday, July 31</b>	Noon	Mr. Potato Head Contest
	2pm	Mr. Potato Head Judging
<b>Tuesday, August 1</b>	11am-8pm	<b>Gardening Show 2: Entries accepted</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>	9am	<b>Gardening Show 2: Judging</b>
<b>Thursday, August 3</b>	Noon-8pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Montana Mega Hopper Contest entries accepted</b>
<b>Friday, August 4</b>	Noon to 6pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sneaker Contest entries accepted</b>
	7pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sneaker Contest: Judging</b>
<b>Saturday, August 5</b>	1pm	Special Awards Ceremony
	4pm	Cherry Seed Spitting Signup & Contest
	5pm	Cherry Seed Spitting Contest Finals
<b>Sunday, August 6</b>	<b>10am-2pm</b>	<b>Entries released in Harvest Building</b>

Every effort will be made to follow the above schedule, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the schedule is subject to change.

## PREMIUMS

### ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Time permitting, results will be posted in each Department throughout fair week. The **Entry Office** will be open from **July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> (8am to 6pm) and August 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> (9am to 4pm)**. Every effort should be made to collect your Premium Checks between these times. Premium Checks in the amount of \$399.99 or less may be cashed during that time period in the Entry Office.

All remaining Premium Checks will be mailed to you in the name and at the address provided by you on the W-9 on file. **A new W9 must be filled out if you have any changes to your name or address or if you are a first time exhibitor at the Montana State Fair.**

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the GENERAL INFORMATION section of this handbook and complying with policies listed therein.
2. AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
3. All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive any premiums.
4. All entries in this department must be products of the state of Montana and must have been grown or raised by the exhibitor in 2016 or 2017. Exhibitors may be required to make an affidavit that their exhibit complies with this rule.
5. After the entry of exhibits, same shall be under the control of the superintendent and no one will be allowed to remove or change them until the exhibition is closed. They will then be released on presentation of claim check.
6. When there is no competition, or when an exhibit is not worthy of first prize, the judge shall place item accordingly.
7. Items entered into the incorrect class will be re-classed by the superintendent or judge.
8. Exhibitors are limited to one entry and one premium in each class number.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

**A special thank you goes to our sponsors for their help in stimulating interest in exhibits of Garden & Farm Crops.**

The following awards will be presented at the special awards ceremony (see schedule):

### PREMIER FARM CROPS EXHIBITOR, *Sponsored by Holiday Inn*

This award will be based on the accumulated points earned in Farm Crops Section 1-6: 1st – 3pts; 2nd – 2pts; 3rd – 1pt. Plaque, rosette and free night for two at the Holiday Inn (400 10th Ave S, Great Falls).

### PREMIER GARDENING EXHIBITOR, *Sponsored by Best Western Plus Heritage Inn*

This award will be based on the accumulated points in Show 1 and Show 2: 1st – 3pts; 2nd – 2pts; 3rd – 1pt.  
*1st Place* – Plaque, rosette, and free night for two  
*2nd Place* – Rosette and \$10; *3rd Place* – Rosette.

### PREMIER JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, *Sponsored by Great Falls Farmers Market*

This award will be based on the accumulated points earned in Garden and Farm Crops Junior Division: 1st – 3pts; 2nd – 2pts; 3rd – 1pt. Plaque, rosette and cash.

## MEMORIAL AWARDS:

RICHARD HOWSE MEMORIAL DRAWING – For each Montana State Fair entry, your name will go in for cash drawings and other prizes.

### MARJORIE SWARTZ MEMORIAL AWARD – *Sponsored by the Swartz Family*

Premier Golden Age Gardener – from Gardening Show 1 and Show 2: cash award and a plaque.

## GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS

GRAND CHAMPION THRESHED GRAIN & GRASS SEED – *Sponsored by Big Bear*, 121 NW Bypass, Great Falls

GRAND CHAMPION SHEAF GRAINS- *Sponsored by Fleet Supply*, 1401 25th Ave. NE, Black Eagle, 59414

GRAND CHAMPION SHEAF GRASSES – *Sponsored by Fleet Supply*, 1401 25th Ave. NE, Black Eagle, 59414

GRAND CHAMPION HAY – *Sponsored by Mountain View Co-op*, 1000 Smelter Ave., Black Eagle, 59414

JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION – *Sponsored by Høglund's*, 306 1st Ave. S, Great Falls

GRAND CHAMPION POSTER JUNIOR Under 8 and 9-18 – *Sponsored by Ace Hardware*

GRAND CHAMPION ONIONS – *Sponsored by Diggs Hair Salon, Wendy Howse* 510 1.5 Central Ave W. Great Falls

GOLDEN AGE GRAND CHAMPION VEGETABLE (Shows 1 & 2) – *Sponsored by Bundi Gardens*, 4400 10th Ave N, GF

GRAND CHAMPION GARDEN DISPLAY – *Sponsored by Tillerias Landscape Nursery*, 100 32nd St. SW, Great Falls

GRAND CHAMPION TOMATOES – *Sponsored by Herman's Flowers*, 1426 14th Ave. SW, Great Falls

GRAND CHAMPION IN THE CUCURBIT FAMILY – *Sponsored by Electric City Conservatory*, 1413 5th Ave N, GF

GRAND CHAMPION ORGANIC VEGETABLE (Show 1 & 2)—Sponsored by **Electric City Conservatory**, 1413 5th Ave N, GF  
 GRAND CHAMPION FRUIT – Sponsored by **Great Falls Floral**, 1815 Central Ave, Great Falls  
 GRAND CHAMPION FRESH HERB – Sponsored by **H & R Block, Pam Davidson**  
 GRAND CHAMPION PEPPER – Sponsored by **Century 21 McDonald Realty**, 3015 10th Ave. S, Great Falls  
 GRAND CHAMPION VEGETABLE BY A JUNIOR EXHIBITOR (Show 1 & 2) – Sponsored by **Flower Farm**,  
 1500 5th Ave. SW, GF  
 GRAND CHAMPION POTATOES - Sponsored by **Great Falls Farmer's Market**  
 GRAND CHAMPION DRIED HERB – Sponsored by **Great Falls Farmer's Market**

**DIVISIONS/CLASSES**

**FARM CROPS**

REGULATIONS:

1. All general rules listed in the premium book apply to this department.
2. Species in classes offered in this section must be grown by the exhibitor.
3. Junior exhibitors, 18 years and younger, should be actively involved in growing the crop entered. State age on entry form.
4. Exhibits may be left at the Entry Office with a completed entry form, July 5th through July 25<sup>th</sup>.
5. Entries previously exhibited at State Fair will not be accepted.
6. Entry form must include class code for each class entered.
7. VARIETY MUST BE LISTED ON EACH CLASS ENTERED ON ENTRY FORM.
8. Classes may be divided if judge so warrants.
9. All Farm Crops activities are in the Harvest Building.
10. Entry Delivery: Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 9:00am – 5:00pm
11. Judging: Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 9:00am
12. Entry Release: Sunday, August 6, 2017, 10:00am – 2:00pm

DIVISIONS:

- 1 OPEN CLASS
- 2 JUNIOR EXHIBITOR (18 YEARS AND YOUNGER)

**THRESHED GRAINS**

REGULATIONS:

1. Threshed grain sample should be exhibited in clear plastic, gallon size, zip closure bags. The gallon bag shall contain a sample ½ full or more of grain.
2. Grains may have been grown in 2016 or 2017.

THRESHED GRAIN SCORECARD

Variety: <i>True to variety, characteristics and free from mixture of other varieties</i> .....	25%
Purity: <i>Free from other grains, weeds and inert materials</i> .....	25%
Quality and conditions: <i>Shall be plump, of good color, texture and free from disease and injured kernels</i> .....	25%
Uniformity.....	25%
TOTAL.....	100%

ENTRY FEE: Division 1 Open- \$1.25 per entry; Division 2 Junior- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF- \_\_\_\_-1 Two row feed barley, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-2 Six row feed barley, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-3 Two row malt barley, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-4 Six row malt barley, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-5 Buckwheat
- GF- \_\_\_\_-6 Flax
- GF- \_\_\_\_-7 Mustard
- GF- \_\_\_\_-8 Oats, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-9 Safflower

- GF- \_\_\_\_-10 Sunflower
- GF- \_\_\_\_-11 Wheat, hard red spring, any variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-12 Wheat, hard red winter, any variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-13 Wheat, Durum
- GF- \_\_\_\_-14 White, Wheat
- GF- \_\_\_\_-15 Canola
- GF- \_\_\_\_-16 Any other grain (class may be divided if judge so warrants)
- GF- \_\_\_\_-17 Barley grown in a planter or pot
- GF- \_\_\_\_-18 Wheat grown in a planter or pot
- GF- \_\_\_\_-19 Any other grain grown in a planter or pot, named

**SHEAF GRAINS AND GRASSES**

REGULATIONS:

1. Sheafs need not be grown by exhibitor but name of producer should be listed on the entry form.
2. Sheaf grains should not be less than 2” or more than 4” in diameter below the heads.
3. Tie sheaf grains in three places: (1) base of heads, (2) center of stalks, and (3) near the butt of stalks.
4. Sheaf grasses and other crops should not be less than 2” or more than 4” in diameter below the heads.
5. Sheaf grasses may be tied one, two, or three times according to stalk length.

SHEAF GRAINS AND GRASSES SCORECARD

Uniformity: <i>in variety, length of head, color and condition</i> .....	40%
Quality and Adaptability: <i>shall be of good quality grain and straw</i> .....	40%
Arrangement: <i>Sheaves shall be made up neatly, bound in compact and attractive bundles. Grains should have leaves stripped off. Grasses should have leaves attached</i> .....	20%
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>100%</b>

ENTRY FEE: Division 1 Open- \$1.25 per entry; Division 2 Junior- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

SHEAF GRAIN

- GF- \_\_\_\_-30 Two row barley, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-31 Six row barley, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-32 Oats, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-33 Wheat, hard red winter, specify variety
- GF- \_\_\_\_-34 Flax
- GF- \_\_\_\_-35 Spring Wheat
- GF- \_\_\_\_-36 Winter Wheat
- GF- \_\_\_\_-37 Durum
- GF- \_\_\_\_-38 Any other sheaf grain (class may be divided if judge so warrants)

SHEAF GRASSES

- GF- \_\_\_\_-45 Any variety Wildrye
- GF- \_\_\_\_-46 Basin Wildrye
- GF- \_\_\_\_-47 Brome Grass
- GF- \_\_\_\_-48 Garrison Creeping Foxtail
- GF- \_\_\_\_-49 Orchard grass
- GF- \_\_\_\_-50 Crested Wheat grass
- GF- \_\_\_\_-51 Intermediate Wheat grass
- GF- \_\_\_\_-52 Tall Wheat grass
- GF- \_\_\_\_-53 Blue Grass
- GF- \_\_\_\_-54 Timothy
- GF- \_\_\_\_-55 Any other sheaf grass/other crop

**LEGUMES AND GRASS SEEDS**

REGULATIONS:

- Legumes and grass seed sample should be exhibited in clear plastic, quart size, zip closure bags. The quart bag shall contain a sample ½ full or more.
- Legumes and grass seed may have been grown in 2016 or 2017.

ENTRY FEE: Division 1 Open- \$1.25 per entry; Division 2 Junior- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

GF-____-65	Alfalfa
GF-____-66	Medic
GF-____-67	Faba beans
GF-____-68	Lentils
GF-____-69	Peas, Austrian winter
GF-____-70	Peas, chick
GF-____-71	Sweet clover
GF-____-72	Smooth brome
GF-____-73	Orchard grass
GF-____-74	Sanfoin
GF-____-75	Timothy
GF-____-76	Crested wheat grass
GF-____-77	Intermediate wheat grass
GF-____-78	Tall wheat grass
GF-____-79	Western wheat grass
GF-____-80	Any other legume or grass seed (class may be divided if judge so warrants)
GF-____-81	Peas growing in a planter or pot, specify variety
GF-____-82	Wheat grass growing in a planter or pot, specify variety
GF-____-83	Any other legume or grass seed growing in a planter or pot, specify variety
GF-____-84	Farming or Ranching Promotional Poster – on standard poster board, 22" X 28" or 25" X 30"

## HAY

REGULATIONS:

- Any hay grower is eligible to enter. Hay may have been grown in 2016 or 2017. Exhibitors may make one entry per class.
- For baled hay classes 1/3 conventional-sized bale will constitute one entry. Bales may be wire or twine tied.
- For the loose hay class, a bundle of 8" or more in diameter tied twice will constitute an entry.
- Judging factors considered include relative feed value, protein, maturity, texture, leafiness, freedom from foreign material, color, size, shape, odor and freedom from mold.

ENTRY FEE: Division 1 Open- \$1.25 per entry; Division 2 Junior- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

GF-____-93	Green alfalfa hay, baled
GF-____-94	Green alfalfa hay, loose
GF-____-95	Straight grass hay, baled (must not contain ANY legume)
GF-____-96	Straight grass hay, loose (must not contain ANY legume)
GF-____-97	Mixed alfalfa and grass hay, baled
GF-____-98	Mixed alfalfa and grass hay, loose
GF-____-99	Any other baled hay
GF-____-100	Any other hay, loose

## JUNIOR FARM EXHIBIT

*Sponsored by Ace Hardware*

REGULATIONS:

- All posters and displays are to be mounted on standard poster board, 22" x 28" to 25" x 30".
- Each poster or display must focus on one central idea.
- Entries limited to exhibitors 18 years and younger.

5. State age on poster back.
6. Posters entered in previous fairs will not be judged.

**JUNIOR FARM EXHIBIT SCORECARD**

Neatness and readability .....	20%
Eye appeal.....	20%
Information.....	30%
Originality.....	30%
TOTAL.....	100%

ENTRY FEE: None

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

**JUNIORS, 8 and UNDER YEARS OF AGE**

- GF-301-1 Conservation Poster
- GF-301-2 Farm Safety Poster
- GF-301-3 Farming or Ranching Promotional Poster
- GF-301-4 Weed Educational Display (12 pressed, mounted & identified weeds)
- GF-301-5 Life of a Wheat Plant Educational Display (sprouting, root development, 2nd leaf stage, etc.)
- GF-301-6 Educational Display, any other

**JUNIORS, 9-18 YEARS OF AGE**

- GF-302-1 Conservation Poster
- GF-302-2 Farm Safety Poster
- GF-302-3 Farming or Ranching Promotional Poster
- GF-302-4 Weed Educational Display (12 pressed, mounted & identified weeds)
- GF-302-4 Life of a Wheat Plant Educational Display (sprouting, root development, 2nd leaf stage, etc.)
- GF-302-6 Educational Display, any other

**GARDENING**

REGULATIONS:

1. To insure a fresh and attractive exhibit, gardening is divided into two shows. Please check entry deadlines and judging times at the beginning of this department.
2. Containers will be furnished to display entries.
3. The Superintendent shall have the right to remove from exhibition, at any time, any exhibit or any part thereof which is unsightly.
4. Duplicates must be provided for all collections. Vegetables judged in individual classes cannot be used in Division 14 & 15.

**EXHIBITOR TIPS!**

Judging factors: Quality and uniformity are basic conditions that are used in judging. Type refers to specimens that are regular and typical of variety. All vegetables of an entry must have the best characteristics of a kind. Quality includes primness for intended use, size, tenderness, cleanliness and freedom from blemishes, damage or defects. Uniformity relates to each specimen having the same shape, size and colors as the others in a given exhibit.

To obtain the best vegetable for home use or exhibition, the vegetables need adequate sustenance (NPK) nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium plus secondary and trace elements. Water, sunlight, air and suitable climate are also necessary. The gardener will need to space the seed or thin the plant later to allow growing space. He/she should water evenly, control insects and diseases, cultivate and hill up the root crops to protect them. For exhibition, all vegetables must be clean and free from insect damage. Wash them gently to avoid injury or damage and, if storage is necessary, place in a cool, moist place. Leave approximately three-fourths inch of top on root crops such as beets and carrots and about the same amount of root on above ground crops such as cabbage, chard, celery, etc.

Onions, Dry – About 8 days before exhibition lift from garden. Just above bulbs, bed top over finger when limp, twist slightly. Spread out in a warm, dark, ventilated place to dry. At fair time, remove tops; lightly rub off any loose outer skin and dry roots. Do not damage root node.

Onions, Green – Lift just prior to exhibition, avoiding damage to root node. Trim roots and tops. Remove outer layers of skin to get dirt off and wash. Choose plants that are well blanched or white.

Potatoes – After digging, allow them to dry 20 minutes or so to set the skin, then wash gently. Avoid rough handling.

Rhubarb – take firm hold on stalk, gently bend toward you, then with a quick pull the stalk will come loose at base around the crown. To remove the leaf, cut from point a half inch from each side of stem in triangle pattern to enter leaf vein above. Leave base of stem intact.

**GARDENING SHOW 1** (all activities in the Harvest Building)

ENTRY DELIVERY: Thursday, July 27, 10am – 8pm

JUDGING: Friday, July 28, 9am

ENTRY RELEASE: Sunday, August 6, 10am – 2pm

**DIVISIONS:**

- 8 OPEN CLASS VEGETABLES
- 9 LARGEST SPECIMENS OPEN
- 10 FREAKS OR ODDITIES
- 11 ORGANIC VEGETABLES
- 12 GOLDEN AGE GARDENER
- 13 JUNIOR GARDENER
- 14 GARDEN DISPLAYS – OPEN
- 15 GARDEN DISPLAYS – JUNIOR
- 16 GARDEN EXHIBITS
- 17 SPECIAL EXHIBITS – OPEN
- 18 JUNIOR SPECIAL EXHIBITS
- 19 OLD GARDEN TOOLS
- 20 BUG COLLECTIONS
- 21 MONTANA GARDEN DISPLAY – OPEN

**DIVISION 8: OPEN CLASS VEGETABLES**

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

**CLASSES:**

- GF-8-1 Beans, snap green (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-2 Beans, snap yellow (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-3 Beans, falsa (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-4 Beans, purple (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-5 Beans, dry ½ pint
- GF-8-6 Carrots, long (4) with ¾" top
- GF-8-7 Carrots, half long (4) with ¾" top
- GF-8-8 Carrots, baby (4) under 4" with ¾" top
- GF-8-9 Chives (4) with roots and entire tops
- GF-8-10 Garlic (4)
- GF-8-11 Garlic, 7 or more bulbs, braided (may add ribbon)
- GF-8-12 Horseradish (1) with ¾" top
- GF-8-13 Kohlrabi (2) white with small leaves on top
- GF-8-14 Kohlrabi (2) purple with small leaves on top
- GF-8-15 Leek (2)
- GF-8-16 Lettuce, head (1) with ¾" root
- GF-8-17 Lettuce, leaf (1) with ¾" root
- GF-8-18 Onion, green (4) with roots and tops trimmed
- GF-8-19 Onion, red (4) with 1" of top
- GF-8-20 Onion, white (4) with 1" of top
- GF-8-21 Onion, yellow (4) with 1" of top

- GF-8-22 Onion, pickling (1/2 pint)
- GF-8-23 Parsnip (4) with 3/4" top
- GF-8-24 Peas (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-25 Peas, edible pod (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-26 Peas, sugar snap (10 pods) with stem
- GF-8-27 Potato, red (4)
- GF-8-28 Potato, white (4)
- GF-8-29 Potato, russet (4)
- GF-8-30 Potato, any other (4) named
- GF-8-31 Potato display, 2 tubers each of any 3 varieties, list names (display in basket, tray or crate)
- GF-8-32 Radish, red globe (4)
- GF-8-33 Radish, red long (4)
- GF-8-34 Radish, white (4)
- GF-8-35 Rhubarb (4 stalks), green
- GF-8-36 Rhubarb (4 stalks), red (red inside)
- GF-8-37 Rutabaga (4) with 3/4" of top
- GF-8-38 Shallots (2)
- GF-8-39 Spinach (2) with 3/4" of root
- GF-8-40 Turnip (4) with 3/4" of top
- GF-8-41 Any other vegetable not listed in Show 1 or 2, named

**DIVISION 9: LARGEST SPECIMENS OPEN**

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5

**CLASSES:**

- GF-9-1 Beet, table
- GF-9-2 Cabbage
- GF-9-3 Carrot
- GF-9-4 Cucumber
- GF-9-5 Kohlrabi
- GF-9-6 Onion
- GF-9-7 Potato
- GF-9-8 Squash
- GF-9-9 Tomato
- GF-9-10 Any other vegetable

**DIVISION 10: FREAKS OR ODDITIES**

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5

**CLASSES:**

- GF-10-1 Unique shaped carrot
- GF-10-2 Unique shaped potato
- GF-10-3 Unique shaped tomato
- GF-10-4 Best specimen of Siamese vegetable or fruit
- GF-10-5 Any other vegetable or fruit oddity

**DIVISION 11: ORGANIC VEGETABLE**

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

**CLASSES:**

- GF-11-1 Beans, snap green (10 pods) with stem
- GF-11-2 Carrots (4) with 3/4" top
- GF-11-3 Kohlrabi (2) with small leaves on top
- GF-11-4 Onions (4) with 1" of top
- GF-11-5 Potatoes (4)



- GF-11-6 Rhubarb (4 stalks)
- GF-11-7 Any other vegetable, named

DIVISION 12: GOLDEN AGE GARDENER

REGULATIONS:

1. 60+ years of age.
2. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-12-1 Beans, snap green (10 pods) with stem
- GF-12-2 Carrots (4) with ¾" top
- GF-12-3 Peas (10 pods) with stem
- GF-12-4 Garlic (4)
- GF-12-5 Onions (4) with 1" of top
- GF-12-6 Potatoes (4)
- GF-12-7 Any other vegetable, named

DIVISION 13: JUNIOR GARDENER

REGULATIONS:

1. 18 years of age or younger.
2. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.

ENTRY FEE: none

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-13-1 Beans, snap green (10 pods) with stem
- GF-13-2 Carrots (4) with ¾" top
- GF-13-3 Kohlrabi (2) with small leaves on top
- GF-13-4 Onions (4) with 1" of top
- GF-13-5 Potatoes (4)
- GF-13-6 Rhubarb (4 stalks)
- GF-13-7 Any other vegetable, named

DIVISION 14: GARDEN DISPLAYS *OPEN*

DIVISION 15: GARDEN DISPLAYS *JUNIOR*

ENTRY FEE: *Division 14 Open*- \$1.25 per entry; *Division 15 Junior*- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-\_\_\_\_-150 Tomatoes growing in a planter (1 or more plants)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-151 Any other vegetable or fruit growing in a planter
- GF-\_\_\_\_-152 Mini garden – combination of 2 or more different vegetables growing in a planter (may have flowers)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-153 Fruit tree growing in a planter, named
- GF-\_\_\_\_-154 One herb plant growing in a container, named
- GF-\_\_\_\_-155 Herb pot – 2 or 3 herbs growing in a container (list common names)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-156 Herb garden – 4 herbs growing in a container (list common names)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-157 Medium herb garden – 5 herbs growing in a container (list common names)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-158 Large herb garden – 6 herbs growing in a container (list common names)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-159 X-Large herb garden – 7 herbs growing in a container (list common names)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-160 XX-Large herb garden – 8 herbs growing in a container (list common names)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-161 3 pictures of your garden (mounted on 11x14 poster board)
- GF-\_\_\_\_-162 Bird house gourds (1) decorated
- GF-\_\_\_\_-163 Edible Art – a creation made from vegetables and/or fruit for those with artistic flair.  
Creation may depict people, scenes, animals, modern art, etc.
- GF-\_\_\_\_-164 Educational gardening poster – mounted on standard poster board, 22"X28" to 25" X 30" .

DIVISION 16: GARDEN EXHIBITS

REGULATIONS:

- Each exhibit will consist of a collection of vegetables, grown in the exhibitor’s garden, from the following 12 varieties of vegetables:  

Beets	Peppers	Carrots	Rutabagas	Cucumbers	Garlic
Potatoes	Squash	Kohlrabi	Tomatoes	Onions	Turnips
- Each entry must display 3 specimens of each variety of vegetable chosen from the list above.
- ONLY ONE GARDEN EXHIBIT ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR.
- Each entry must be arranged for display using a basket, crate, tray or any other suitable container approximately 14”x18”x3”.

GARDEN EXHIBITS SCORECARD

Quality of products.....	50%
Number of classes.....	25%
Arrangement: neatness, attractiveness, originality.....	25%
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>100%</b>

ENTRY FEE: Open- \$1.25 per entry; Junior- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-16-1      Open Class Garden Exhibits: A collection of five or more vegetable varieties as listed in Regulation 1.
- GF-16-2      Junior Garden Exhibits (18 and under): A collection of three or more vegetable varieties as listed in Regulation 1.

DIVISION 17: SPECIAL EXHIBITS OPEN

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per entry

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$7; 2nd - \$5; 3rd - \$3

CLASSES:

- GF-17-1      “Keepin’ it 406” A wall hanging or picture display made from vegetable seeds and/or dried vegetable matter. Design must be composed of all natural vegetable matter adaptive to this area. The background may be the designer’s choice. Materials used in display need not be grown by the exhibitor and it should have a “406” in the design. (Screw eyes and wire or hangers are to be attached to displays.)

DIVISION 18: JUNIOR SPECIAL EXHIBITS

REGULATIONS:

- 18 years of age or younger ONLY.
- State age on entry form.
- Screw eyes and wire or hangers are to be attached to the displays.

ENTRY FEE: none

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-18-1      “Keepin’ it 406” A wall hanging or picture display made from vegetable seeds and/or dried vegetable matter. Design must be composed of all natural vegetable matter adaptive to this area. The background may be the designer’s choice. Materials used in display need not be grown by the exhibitor and it should have a “406” in the design. (Screw eyes and wire or hangers are to be attached to displays.) **11-18 years old.**
- GF-18-2      “My Favorite Bug”; different age category. **6-10 years old.**
- GF-18-3      “My Favorite Bug”; different age category. **5 years old and younger.**

DIVISION 19: Days gone by – Old garden tools

**Tools that have been entered before may not be entered again. If you have a story about the tool please attach.**

ENTRY FEE: Open \$1.25 per entry

PREMIUMS: 1st \$5.00 - 2nd \$3.00 - 3rd \$1.00

- GF-19-1 Rake
- GF-19-2 Garden Hoe
- GF-19-3 Shovel
- GF-19-4 Pitch Fork
- GF-19-5 Cultivator
- GF-19-6 Watering Can
- GF-19-7 Sprinkler
- GF-19-8 Garden Hand Tool
- GF-19-9 Any Other Small Garden Tool
- GF-19-10 Any Other Large Garden Tool
- GF-19-11 Sickle

**DIVISION 20: Bug Collections**

**REGULATIONS:**

1. Insects must be collected by the exhibitor.
2. Insects must be collected in 2016 or 2017.

**ENTRY FEE:** Division 1 *Open*- \$1.25 per entry; Division 2 *Junior*- None

**PREMIUMS:** Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

**CLASSES:**

- GF-\_\_\_\_-170 Insect, (1), named, in a jar or pinned
- GF-\_\_\_\_-171 Insects, (3), all named, pinned, and displayed
- GF-\_\_\_\_-172 Insect collection, (5 or more), all named, pinned, and displayed

**DIVISION 21: Montana Garden Display**

**REGULATIONS:**

1. Materials or products other than those on exhibit may be used.
2. A list of produce to be judged must be supplied.
3. Person making entries must have grown all exhibits, except those to enhance display, in current year, with usual method of agriculture or horticulture.
4. Agricultural or horticultural exhibits in this display may be selected from all classes under agriculture or horticulture.

**MONTANA GARDEN DISPLAY SCORECARD**

Quality of exhibit.....	50%
Varieties.....	25%
Arrangement: <i>neatness and originality</i> .....	25%
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>100%</b>

**ENTRY FEE:** Open \$5.00 per class

**PREMIUMS:** 1st \$15.00 - 2nd \$10.00 - 3rd \$5.00

- GF-21-1 Exhibitors are required to include no less than 15 different items and no more than 20 items. Exhibitors must supply a list of produce to be judged.

**GARDENING SHOW 2 (all activities in the Harvest Building)**

**REGULATIONS:**

1. All rules and regulations listed at beginning of gardening department apply to this show.
2. See exhibitor tips at beginning of gardening department.

**DIVISIONS:**

- 25 OPEN CLASS VEGETABLES
- 26 ORGANIC VEGETABLES
- 27 GOLDEN AGE GARDENER
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- 29 OPEN CLASS FRUIT
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DIVISION 25: OPEN CLASS VEGETABLES

ENTRY DELIVERY: Tuesday, August 1, 10am – 8pm

JUDGING: Wednesday, August 2, 9am

ENTRY RELEASE: Sunday, August 6, 10am – 2pm

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-25-1 Beets, table (4) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " top, 2" diameter
- GF-25-2 Beets, long (4) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " top
- GF-25-3 Broccoli (1 head)
- GF-25-4 Brussels sprouts (4)
- GF-25-5 Cabbage, pointed (1 head) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " stem, trim off lower leaves
- GF-25-6 Cabbage, round (1 head) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " stem, trim off lower leaves
- GF-25-7 Cabbage, Chinese (1 head) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " stem, trim off lower leaves
- GF-25-8 Cabbage, red (1 head) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " stem, trim off lower leaves
- GF-25-9 Cabbage, flat (1 head) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " stem, trim off lower leaves
- GF-25-10 Cauliflower (1 head) with wrapper leaves
- GF-25-11 Celery (1) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of root
- GF-25-12 Chard, Swiss (1) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of root
- GF-25-13 Chard, Swiss, any other color (1) with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of root
- GF-25-14 Corn, sweet (2 ears) in inside husks; do not cut tips
- GF-25-15 Corn, Indian (2 ears) – may be from last year's garden
- GF-25-16 Cucumber, slicing (2) with stem
- GF-25-17 Cucumber, pickling (4) with stem
- GF-25-18 Cucumber, burpless (2) with stem
- GF-25-19 Cucumber, lemon (1) with stem
- GF-25-20 Dill (2) with roots
- GF-25-21 Eggplant (1), long purple
- GF-25-22 Eggplant (1), round purple
- GF-25-23 Eggplant (1), long white
- GF-25-24 Eggplant (1), round white
- GF-25-25 Flowering kale or cabbage (1 head) with 1" root
- GF-25-26 Gourds (2 alike), may be from last year's garden
- GF-25-27 Gourds (2 different), may be from last year's garden
- GF-25-28 Okra (2)
- GF-25-29 Peppers, hothouse, sweet (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-30 Peppers, bell (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-31 Peppers, green (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-32 Peppers, red (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-33 Peppers, yellow (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-34 Peppers, Anaheim (2) with stems
- GF-25-35 Peppers, gypsy (2) with stems
- GF-25-36 Peppers, habanera (2) with stems
- GF-25-37 Peppers, jalapeno (2) with stems
- GF-25-38 Peppers, hot (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-39 Peppers, hothouse, hot (2) with stems, named
- GF-25-40 Any other peppers (2), with stems, named
- GF-25-41 Peppers, dried, string 12"-24" long, named
- GF-25-42 Pepper display, 2 peppers each of any 3 varieties (list names and display in container)
- GF-25-43 Pumpkin (1), may be from last year's garden
- GF-25-44 Pumpkin (1) mini
- GF-25-45 Squash, yellow zucchini (2) with stems
- GF-25-46 Squash, ball zucchini (1) with stem

GF-25-47	Squash, zucchini (3) under 8" with stems
GF-25-48	Squash, zucchini (2) 9"-14" with stems
GF-25-49	Squash, zucchini (1) over 14" with stem
GF-25-50	Squash, patty pan (1) with stem
GF-25-51	Squash, spaghetti (1) with stem
GF-25-52	Squash, summer (2) with stems
GF-25-53	Squash, winter (1) with stem
GF-25-54	Any other squash (1) with stem
GF-25-55	Tomato, green (4) with stems
GF-25-56	Tomato, hothouse, green (4) with stems
GF-25-57	Tomato, red (4) with stems
GF-25-58	Tomato, hothouse, red (4) with stems
GF-25-59	Tomato, yellow (4) with stems
GF-25-60	Tomato, small fruit (6) all red or all yellow with stems
GF-25-61	Tomato, 1 cluster of small fruits, all green
GF-25-62	Tomato, 1 cluster of medium fruits, all green
GF-25-63	Tomato, 1 cluster of large fruits, all green
GF-25-64	Tomato, 1 cluster of multi-colored small fruits
GF-25-65	Tomato, 1 cluster of multi-colored medium fruits
GF-25-66	Tomato, 1 cluster of multi-colored large fruits
GF-25-67	Cantaloupe (1)
GF-25-68	Watermelon (1)
GF-25-69	Other melon (1) named
GF-25-70	Any other vegetable not listed in Show 1 or 2, named

**DIVISION 26: ORGANIC VEGETABLES**

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

**CLASSES:**

GF-26-1	Beets (4) with ¾" top
GF-26-2	Cabbage (1 head) with 1" stem, trimmed
GF-26-3	Cucumber (2) with stems
GF-26-4	Squash, (1) with stem
GF-26-5	Peppers (2) with stems, named
GF-26-6	Tomato, 1 cluster of fruits, named
GF-26-7	Any other vegetable, named

**DIVISION 27: GOLDEN AGE GARDENER**

**REGULATIONS:**

1. 60+ years of age.
2. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

**CLASSES:**

GF-27-1	Beets (4) with ¾" top
GF-27-2	Cucumber (2) with stems
GF-27-3	Cabbage (1 head) with 1" stem, trimmed
GF-27-4	Peppers, (2) with stems, named
GF-27-5	Squash, (1) with stem
GF-27-6	Tomato, salad (4) with stems
GF-27-7	Any other vegetable, named

DIVISION 28: JUNIOR GARDENER

REGULATIONS:

1. 18 years of age or younger.
2. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.

ENTRY FEE: none

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

GF-28-1	Beets (4) with ¾" top
GF-28-2	Cucumber (2) with stems
GF-28-3	Cabbage (1 head) with 1" stem, trimmed
GF-28-4	Squash, (1) with stem
GF-28-5	Peppers, (2) with stems, named
GF-28-6	Tomato, 1 cluster of fruits, named
GF-28-7	Any other vegetable, named

DIVISION 29: OPEN CLASS FRUIT

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

GF-29-1	Apples, crab (4) with stems
GF-29-2	Apples, pie (4) with stems
GF-29-3	Choke cherries (1/2 pint), no stems
GF-29-4	Currants (1/2 pint), no stems
GF-29-5	Gooseberries (1/2 pint), no stems
GF-29-6	Plums (4) any type
GF-29-7	Raspberries (1/2 pint), no stems
GF-29-8	Strawberries (1/2 pint), no stems
GF-29-9	Cherries, pie (1/2 pint), no stems
GF-29-10	Any other fruit not listed, named

DIVISION 30: OPEN CLASS HERBS

ENTRY FEE: \$1.25 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

GF-30-1	Basil, green, 3 stems, named
GF-30-2	Basil, any other color, 3 stems, named
GF-30-3	Chives, (3) with roots and entire tops
GF-30-4	Lavender, 3 stems, named
GF-30-5	Marjoram, 3 stems, named
GF-30-6	Peppermint, 3 stems
GF-30-7	Spearmint, 3 stems
GF-30-8	Mint, any other, 3 stems, named
GF-30-9	Oregano, 3 stems, named
GF-30-10	Parsley, Curley, 3 stems, named
GF-30-11	Parsley, Italian, 3 stems, named
GF-30-12	Rosemary, 3 stems, named
GF-30-13	Rosemary, Creeping, 3 stems, named
GF-30-14	Sage, green, 3 stems, named
GF-30-15	Sage, any other color, 3 stems, named
GF-30-16	Tarragon, 3 stems, named
GF-30-17	Thyme, 3 stems, named
GF-30-18	Thyme, creeping, 3 stems, named
GF-30-19	Any other herb, not listed, 3 stems, named
GF-30-20	Herb display – 3 different herbs, 2 stems each, named

Dried Herbs: *Dried herbs should have no stems, just leaves.*

- GF-30-30 Basil, named
- GF-30-31 Lavender, named
- GF-30-32 Marjoram, named
- GF-30-33 Mint, named
- GF-30-34 Oregano, named
- GF-30-35 Parsley, named
- GF-30-36 Rosemary, named
- GF-30-37 Sage, named
- GF-30-38 Tarragon, named
- GF-30-39 Thyme, named
- GF-30-40 Any other herb, not listed, named
- GF-30-41 Dried herb display – 3 or more herbs, named (in separate bags)

DIVISION 31: Bug Collections

REGULATIONS:

1. Insects must be collected by the exhibitor.
2. Insects must be collected in 2016 or 2017.

ENTRY FEE: Division 1 *Open*- \$1.25 per entry; Division 2 *Junior*- None

PREMIUMS: Open: 1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$1; Junior: 1st - \$3; 2nd - \$2; 3rd - \$1

CLASSES:

- GF-\_\_\_\_-200 Insect, (1), named, in a jar or pinned
- GF-\_\_\_\_-201 Insects, (3), all named, pinned, and displayed
- GF-\_\_\_\_-202 Insect collection, (5 or more), all named, pinned, and displayed

DIVISION 32: Montana Garden Display

REGULATIONS:

1. Materials or products other than those on exhibit may be used.
2. A list of produce to be judged must be supplied.
3. Person making entries must have grown all exhibits, except those to enhance display, in current year, with usual method of agriculture or horticulture.
4. Agricultural or horticultural exhibits in this display may be selected from all classes under agriculture or horticulture.

MONTANA GARDEN DISPLAY SCORECARD

Quality of exhibit.....	50%
Varieties.....	.25%
Arrangement: <i>neatness and originality</i> .....	.25%
TOTAL.....	100%

ENTRY FEE: Open \$5.00 per class

PREMIUMS: 1st \$15.00 - 2nd \$10.00 - 3rd \$5.00

- GF-32-1 Exhibitors are required to include no less than 15 different items and no more than 20 items. Exhibitors must supply a list of produce to be judged.

## CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES

### 2nd ANNUAL MONTANA MEGA HOPPER CONTEST

#### *Sponsored by: West Feeds*

1. Entries accepted Thursday, August 3, Noon to 8pm.
2. Grasshoppers must be alive and in a jar.
3. Jar must be marked with the following:
  - a. Date hopper caught
  - b. Time of day caught
  - c. Place caught
  - d. "Pet's" name (if it has one)
4. Entries will be judged in the following groups: Class 1: Adults; Class 2: Junior (18 years and younger)
5. Grass hoppers will be measured for the largest:
  - a. Length of the body, including the wings
  - b. Width of the thorax, side to side
  - c. Length of the jumping legs
6. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on August 5.
7. No charge to enter contest.

### 1st ANNUAL SNEAKER CONTEST

#### REGULATIONS:

1. Entries accepted Friday, August 4, Noon to 6pm.
2. Judging will be at 7pm.
3. Entries will be judged in the following groups:  
Class 1: Rotten Sneaker  
Class 2: Decorated Sneaker
4. Open to all ages.
5. No charge to enter contest.

### 18TH ANNUAL VEGGIE 500 (check schedule for dates and times)

#### REGULATIONS:

1. Cars will race at one time.
2. All veggie cars will be provided.
3. No charge to enter races.
4. Open to all ages.

### 26TH ANNUAL MR. POTATO HEAD CONTEST,

#### *Sponsored by: McDonalds*

#### REGULATIONS:

1. Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> Sign up at noon – pre-entry forms not necessary.
2. Contestants will be judged in the following age groups – Class 1: 1-5 years old; Class 2: 6-8 years old; Class 3: 9-11 years old; Class 4: 12-18 years old; Class 5: 19 years and over
3. Create your Mr. Potato Head – noon to 1:45pm.
4. All materials are provided.
5. Judging and awards – 2pm.
6. No charge to enter contest.

### 20TH ANNUAL CHERRY SEED SPITTING CONTEST

#### *Sponsored by 2J's Produce Inc.*

#### REGULATIONS:

1. Sign up at 4pm.
2. Contest will be judged in the following groups – Class 1: Boys age 6-18; Class 2: Girls age 6-18; Class 3: Men; Class 4: Women (Children under 6 years of age are ineligible for safety reasons)
3. Finals are at 5pm.
4. All cherries and seeds provided.
5. No charge to enter contest.



