

Rules & Regulations for the Three County Fair

1. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules at any time and reserves the sole final right to interpret all rules and regulations, and to decide all questions arising therefrom or in connection with the fair.
2. The superintendent will direct the arrangement of articles or animals in exhibitions in his or her department. He shall give such instructions to awarding judges or committees as will result in judicious action and decide all questions governing the department.
3. Each superintendent is charged with caring for and returning the entry book of his department with the awards on each article duly and properly entered and the signature of the judges in each entry book of the department which he or she places awards, as premiums cannot be paid unless this is done.
4. Any class having only one entry will receive prize money and ribbon according to the merit of the entry. When there are only two entries in any one class, both owned by the same exhibitor, ribbons and prize money will be given according to the merits of the exhibits.
5. Exhibitors may show in all classes but are limited to no more than one entry in any one - lot.
6. All entries to the Three County Livestock Show and Fair are free. See Livestock rules and regulations for details.
7. All property of every character entered for competition or display or any other purpose for being on the fairgrounds shall be subject to the control of the superintendent in charge, but in no case shall the Three County Livestock and Fair association or the secretary or any of its officers or members be held responsible for damage or injury of any character to such property while the same is on the fairgrounds, or at any other time.
8. No claim for injury of any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Three County Livestock Show and Fair association, its officers, or their agents, on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon.
9. Any exhibit removed early (before stated date and time) will forfeit any cash premium won.
10. Exhibitors will be required to keep their space and stalls in a clean condition by removing all filth and litter and placing it in the designated places for such waste.
11. Premium checks will be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fair association.
12. The Three County Livestock Show, and Fair association will rent booths or space for political purposes during the fair, but politicking is restricted to the booth space. Commercial and service booths are approximately 8' x 8'.

Important Entry Dates and Times

- All family and consumer science exhibits must be entered between the times of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, and remain until Sunday, September 7 at 1:30 pm.
- Livestock and poultry will check in from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, and may be removed after 8:00 pm on Saturday, September 6, 2025.
- Rabbits will be entered prior to the rabbit show on Tuesday, September 2 and will be removed immediately following the show.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE RULES

1. Exhibitors must live, attend school or be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Cross, Jackson or Woodruff County.
2. Articles must have been produced or made by persons under whose name they are listed since the last fair. No items may be accepted from previous year's fair. Name and address must be placed on the article prior to check-in. Official labels must be used.
3. Articles may be entered for display between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. September 2. Cut flower entries must also be in place by this time. Exhibits arriving after this time will not be eligible for prizes.
4. Award winning exhibits from previous Three County Fair cannot be exhibited. Articles bought or borrowed will be disqualified.
5. Three County Fair reserves the right to refuse or accept conditionally any exhibit either before or after it is entered.
6. No two entries in the same lot will be made by the same individual.
7. The Danish method of judging will be used. Cash awards will be based on a point basis.
A - rating = Blue Ribbon, B-rating = Red Ribbon, C-Rating = White Ribbon.
8. All exhibits must stay in place until 1:30 pm Sunday, September 7. Exhibits removed early will forfeit cash premium won.
9. The Three County Fair Association will exercise precautions to prevent loss or damage but will not be responsible should any occur.
10. Superintendents will be on duty to check your entries. Please cooperate and abide by the rules. Superintendents will not be responsible for articles not called for by 3 p.m. September 7.
11. The decision of the judges is final.
12. Articles cannot be exhibited for prices which are not listed in the fair catalog unless prior permission was given to the entrant by fair board.
12. Potted plants must be potted at least one week before they are exhibited.
13. Check in by superintendents will begin at 3 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. on September 2, 2025.
13. All clothing exhibits must be clean and pressed; seams should be finished and pressed. Ravels must be trimmed.
14. Sweepstakes' ribbon and cash premiums will be awarded under each division with exhibits deserving of the merit as determined by the judges. Judges' decision will be final.

RULES FOR ENTRY IN THREE COUNTY FAIR ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE RULES FOR DISTRICT AND/OR STATE FAIR. IF YOU PLAN TO COMPETE ON THESE LEVELS, PLEASE CONTACT A FAIR OFFICIAL AND YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO DISTRICT AND/OR STATE FAIR RULE.

EFFECTIVE 2025 FAIR - YOU MAY ENTER ANY 10 ITEMS UNDER EACH CLASS. PLEASE BRING YOUR BEST UNIQUE ITEMS FOR EACH CLASS.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS

DEPT 11

ADULT AND YOUTH

Major portion of item was made by needle (hand or machine).

Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

CLASS 1: HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any Household Item - ex. Bedspread, pillowcase, table runner, etc	3	2	1

CLASS 2: KNITTED AND CROCHETED ARTICLES

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any Knitted Item ex. napkin, shawl, sweater, animal, doll, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 3: COMFORTERS OR QUILTS HAND QUILTED

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any hand quilted Item ex pieced, embroidered, quilts, wall hanging	10	6	4

CLASS 4: MACHINE QUILTED

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any machine quilted Item ex pieced, embroidered, quilts, wall hanging	5	3	2

CLASS 5: NEEDLE CRAFT

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any Needle craft ex Cross stitch, embroidery, crewl embroidery, etc.	3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 12 - CLOTHING

ADULT AND YOUTH

All clothing must be clean and pressed. Seams should be finished and pressed. Ravels must be trimmed.

Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

CLASS 1: GARMENT FOR ADULTS

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any adult garment ex apron, blouse, coat, dress, shirt, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 2: GARMENTS FOR CHILDREN

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any children's garment ex apron, blouse, coat, dress, shirt, e	3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 13
FOOD PRESERVATION
ADULT AND YOUTH

All entries must have been preserved within the previous 12 months and can only be entered once.

For judging and after reasons, jars must be clear glass with mason or other standard/recognized name labeled on the jar or box with a clean metal lids and ring, vacuum sealed and acceptable size per recipe instructions - typically quart, pint or 1/2 pint. Two piece lids are required so headspace can be judged properly. No decoration on the jar, such as fabric, allowed. Due to safety reasons, no canned squash including summer, zucchini or spaghetti, pureed or mashed pumpkin, sweet potatoes or potatoes will be judged. Pickled summer squash and zucchini are allowed. (No mayonnaise jars will be accepted.)

Vegetable soups is a low-acid food and MUST BE PRESSURE CANNED ACCORDING TO USDA GUIDELINES. USDA cautions against thickening soup or adding milk, cream, flour, noodles or other pasta to soups prior to canning because it affects heat penetrations.

Canned squash is not allowed. However, squash pickles and relish can be exhibited.

Canned breads and cakes are not allowed.

No food coloring is allowed unless the recipe calls for ingredients, such as red hots, that alter the color. IF USED, ATTACH THE RECIPE TO THE JAR.

Dried foods should be prepared according to current USDA information. Dried foods should not be sealed and may be handled by the judges to determine stage of doneness. Dried foods should be displayed in appropriate storage containers (glass jars with rust-free lids, heavy-weight plastic food quality bags, vacuum sealed plastic food bags, etc).

If recipe used is not from either (1) So Easy to Preserve 4th-6th edition, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service or (2) USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2009 Revision, United States Dept of Agriculture and National Institute of Food and Agriculture, then entry should also be accompanied by recipe from the Extension publications undated or published after 1995.

Do not use paraffin wax on any canned product.

Do not fancy pack vegetables.

Single pack fruit is acceptable.

All exhibits must have an attached label stating -

Name of Product

Method of Canning (Pressure or Waterbath)

Date of Canning

Failure to provide this information will result in loss of points.

Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

CLASS 1: FRUITS AND FRUIT JUICE

(All fruits and fruit juices should be processed in boiling water bath.)

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any item created with fruit. ex apple juice, apple sauce, strawberries, etc	3	2	1

CLASS 2: VEGETABLES

(All vegetables must be pressured by the USDA recommended time.)

LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any vegetable ex. Asparagus, beans, carrots, okra, peas, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 3: JAMS
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of jam ex. apricot, grape, peach, strawberry, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 4: JELLIES
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of jelly. Ex. blackberry, mint, pineapple, plum, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 5: BUTTERS, PRESERVES, CONSERVES AND MARMALADES
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of butter, preserve, conserve or marmalade. Ex apple, tomato	3	2	1

CLASS 6: FRUIT SYRUPS
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of fruit syrup. Ex. apple, peach, cherry, strawberry, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 7: NATURAL SYRUPS
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of natural syrup. Ex. maple, molasses. sorghum, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 8: PICKLES, RELISHES AND SAUCES
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of pickle, relish or sauce. Ex cucumber, okra, chow chow, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 8: MEATS AND FISH
(All meats and fish must be pressured by the USDA recommended time.)
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of meat or fish. Ex. beef, fish, pork, poultry, wild game, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 9: DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of dried fruit or vegetable. Ex. apple, banana, fruit leather, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 10: DRIED MEAT
LOT

	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of dried meat. Ex. beef, turkey, venison, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 11: DRIED HERBS

LOT

Any type of dried herb. Ex. basil, chives, thyme, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

Food Preparation / Home Cooking

1. Items may be entered Tuesday, September 2nd from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
2. Items will be judged and awarded ribbons on the day they are entered for exhibit.
3. All items should be placed on a sturdy paper or Styrofoam plate and covered with plastic wrap or placed in a Ziploc bag of the needed size.
4. Please enter the number of items listed in the notes by the classification header below.
5. Bread and cake slices/samples only need to be ½" thick.
6. Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

CLASS 1: QUICK BREADS (3 slices/pieces)

LOT

Any type of quick bread. Ex. biscuits, corn meal, muffins, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 2: NON-YEAST BREADS (3 slices/pieces)

LOT

Any type of non-yeast bread. Ex. apricot, lemon, banana nut, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 3: YEAST BREADS (3 slices/pieces)

LOT

Any type of yeast bread. Ex. doughnuts, rolls, loaf, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 4: BREAD MACHINE (3 slices/pieces)

LOT

Any type of bread made in a machine. Ex. yeast, rolls, quick, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 4: SOURDOUGH BREADS (3 slices/pieces)

LOT

Any type of sourdough bread. Ex. bagels, rolls, boule etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 5: CANDIES (3 slices/pieces)

LOT

POINTS		
A	B	C

Any type of candy. Ex. fudge, divinity, pralines, etc.	3	2	1
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CLASS 6 : CAKES (1/4 of the cake)

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of cake. Ex. fruits, chocolates, angel food, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 7: DECORATED CAKES (entire cake)

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of decorated cake. Ex. wedding, birthday, holiday, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 8: Cookies (3 slices/pieces)

LOT	POINTS		
Any type of cookie. Ex. sugar, chocolate chip, oatmeal, etc.	3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 15 - HANDICRAFT

ADULT AND YOUTH

Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

CLASS: HANDICRAFT

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of handicraft. Ex. birdhouse, baskets, jewelry, rugs, wreaths, metal work, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 2: CERAMICS

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of ceramics. Ex. glazed, stained, brushed, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 3: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFTS

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of Christmas craft. Ex. tree skirt, door hanger, stocking, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 4: OTHER HOLIDAY CRAFTS

(Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, etc, no Christmas)

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of holiday craft. Ex. centerpiece, cross stitch, table cloth, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS 5: 4-H AND OTHER YOUTH HANDICRAFT - YOUTH ONLY

Youth should place items in other departments when available. Youth entries in those categories will be judged separate from adult entries. Those wishing to enter this class must be ages 5 to 19. Please put name and age on item. Please bring your 15 best entries per class. Examples include : Art (that is not eligible in Art Department - one item only), Beaded Articles, Book Mark, Book Ends, Craft Pictures (that is not eligible for Art Dept), Decorated Hat, Deco-

rated Pillow, Decorated Soap, Dolls, Door Stops, Ecology Box, Felt Item, Fleece Non-clothing (any one item or set), Foam Art, Glass Items, Greeting Card, handmade (that is not eligible in holiday Handicrafts), Hair Accessory, Keychain, Lego Design, Magnet, Model (must be mounted), Mosaic, Patchwork Articles, Painted Item/Object, Pencil Holder (wood), Picture Frame (decorated), Plastic Canvas, Playdough Sculpture, Recycled Item, Rock Craft, Seed Pictures, Shell Craft, Shell Decorated, String Art, Sun Catcher, Toy (homemade), Wall Plaques, Waste Basket (made or decorated), Wax Articles, Weaving (baskets in Handicraft dept), Wind-sock, Wind chime, Yarn Article (knitting and crochet belong in Household Arts dept)..

LOT

POINTS

Any type of kids' handicraft (not eligible in other departments).

A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 6: MORE THAN ART

This is a special category open to persons with developmental disabilities - youth and adults. Exhibitors are limited to only 10 entries. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and completed in the last 3 years. Paintings, drawings, and 8x10 photography are to be matted or mounted (professional mats or mounts are not required. Homemade mats or mounts are acceptable.)

LOT

POINTS

Any More Than Art exhibit. Ex. paintings, drawings, photos, ceramics, crafts, woodworking, yarn/string items, crafts from recycled materials, household items, scrapbook/scrapbook pages, etc.

A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 7: BATH AND BEAUTY PRODUCTS

Products must be in plain bags/containers with no claim for health benefits. Not containing honey or bee's wax.

Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

LOT

POINTS

Any type of bath or body product. Ex. soaps, balms, scrubs, sprays, etc.

A	B	C
3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 16 - CUT FLOWER DIVISION

ADULT AND YOUTH

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BETWEEN 3 PM AND 7 PM on September 17. All entries in Floriculture categories must be grown solely by EXHIBITOR.

All the entries in Flower categories must be grown by the EXHIBITOR.

Cut specimens will be exhibited in a clear water bottle or glass bud vase.

Entries in Flower categories should be correctly named.

Potted plants should be potted at least one week before they are exhibited.

Please exhibit only one (1) bloom, flower head, spray, stem or stalk per specimen.

Please do not bring flowers that show sign of age. Freshness and cleanliness are important in winning blue ribbons.

Before placing in water, strip lower leaves for the stem, but do not remove all foliage as green leaves add to the attractiveness of the exhibits.

Potted plants and hanging baskets should be clean and "groomed". Removed spots, dirt, insects, dead stems and leaves. Do not use oil or "Plant Shine" on foliage.

You may enter in as many different types of specimens per category, they must be DIFFERENT.

Each exhibit is judged against a standard with First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Participant ribbons awarded in each exhibit.
 Superintendent will be on duty to check your entries. Please cooperate and abide by the rules.
 No trees or shrubs may be entered.
 Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

CLASS: CUT FLOWERS, GRASSES, OR LEAVES

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of plant. Ex. rose, daisy, hosta, lantana, lilly, etc.	3	2	1

CLASS: HERBS

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of cut, fresh herb. Ex. easily, mint, yarrow, etc.	3	2	1

HANGING AND POTTED PLANTS ADULT AND YOUTH GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BETWEEN 3 PM and 7 PM ON SEPTEMBER 17 AND PICKED UP SEPTEMBER 22.

Suitable display space will be provided for hanging baskets and potted plants.
 Potted plants should be in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months.
 Potted plants and hanging baskets should be clean and "groomed". Remove spots, dirt, insects or dead stems and leaves. Do not use oil or "Plant Shine" on foliage.
 No flags, bows or any other decorative items are to be placed in pots or baskets.
 Each exhibit is judged against a standard with First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Participant Ribbons awarded to each exhibit. Superintendents will be on duty to check your entries. Please cooperate and abide by the rules.
 All prize checks will be voided after 90 days.

Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Any type of potted plant. Ex. violet, cactus, fern, begonia, geranium, etc.	3	2	1

FUNNY CREATURE SHOW : YOUTH DIVISION

A category for Funny Creatures made from Vegetables and/or Fruits. Entries will be exhibited in the Floriculture Department. Open to grades K - 6th. Ribbon will be awarded as merited. No cash prizes.

DEPARTMENT 18 - HOBBIES ADULT AND YOUTH CLASS 1: PHOTOGRAPHY

All work must have been completed since the last fair. Adult and Junior Divisions (age of junior participant stated on entry tag). Photos should be 4 x 6 or larger. Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

LOT

Any type of black and white or color photo. Ex. portrait, landscape, floral, still life, animals, agriculture, special effects, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 2: COLLECTIONS

All work must have been completed since the last fair. Senior and Junior Divisions (age of Junior participant stated on entry tag). Collection can not be loose items. Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

LOT

Any type of collection. Ex. stamp, coin, shells, leaves, insects, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

CLASS 3: SCRAPBOOKING

All work must have been completed since the last fair. Senior and Junior Divisions (age of Junior participant stated on entry tag). Collection can not be loose items. Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

LOT

Any type of scrapbook page. Ex. ancestry, sports, travel, holiday, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 19

ADULT AND YOUTH

CLASS 1: ART

This division is for original art work. All exhibits must be framed, on stiff backing or canvas AND wired to be hung. Entries must be no larger than 24" x 36". All work must have been completed since the last fair. All entries must have wire hangers. Senior and Junior Divisions (Age of Junior participant stated on entry tag). Each category may include work done in any of the following media : oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, pen and ink, pencil, mixed media or computer generated. Please bring your 10 best entries per class.

LOT

Any type of original art. Ex. abstract, landscape, portrait, still, wildlife, graphic design, etc.

POINTS		
A	B	C
4	3	2

CLASS 2: CLOTHESLINE ART

Open to youth, preschool through the 6th grade who are residents of Cross, Jackson, Woodruff County or who attend school in Cross, Jackson, or Woodruff County. All art must be original and be the work of the exhibitor. Art must not have been exhibited previously at any Cross, Jackson, or Woodruff County fair, or at any district or state fair in Arkansas. Only one entry per child. Art should be on paper not larger than 11" x 14" and can be any medium. All exhibits entered by classroom teachers must be identified on the back with the following : Name, Age, Grade in School, Teacher's Name, School. All exhibits entered by Civic groups, community groups, or classrooms outside of a school setting must be identified on the back with the fol-

lowing :Name, Age, Grade in School, Leader's Name, Club Name, City/County. If the child does not attend school, the exhibit must be identified with the following: Name, Age, Parents' Name, Address, Home or Work Phone.

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Pre-school and Kindergarten	3	2	1
First and Second Grade	3	2	1
Third and Fourth Grade	3	2	1
Fifth and Sixth Grade	3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 21 - HOME FURNISHINGS

ADULT AND YOUTH

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BETWEEN 3 PM AND 7 PM on September 2. All entries in Home Furnishings must be made solely by EXHIBITOR.

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
Furniture- Manufactured By Hand	3	2	1

DEPARTMENT 23 - FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

ADULT AND YOUTH

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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All the entries in Flower categories must be grown by the EXHIBITOR.

Please do not bring flowers that show sign of age. Freshness and cleanliness are important in winning blue ribbons.

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All prize check will be voided after 90 days.

CLASS 1: FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
The Choice is Yours	3	2	1
Accent on Color	3	2	1
Thing of Beauty	3	2	1

CLASS 1: MINIATURE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

LOT	POINTS		
	A	B	C
The Choice is Yours	3	2	1
Accent on Color	3	2	1

Thing of Beauty

3 2 1