

2025 MADISON COUNTY FAIR

Willis Hall Fair Exhibits

TO ENTER:

All entries should be brought to the **Madison County Fairgrounds**, (3237 Old Irvine Rd, Richmond, KY 40475) on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**, from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** and /or **2:00PM to 6:00PM**. **If you have questions, please contact the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service at (859) 623-4072.**

****We encourage those with multiple entries to pick up entry tags at the Madison County Extension Office prior to July 21st. If you cannot make it to drop off your entries on July 22nd, please contact one of the agents to make prior arrangements.**

Entries will be on display in a climate-controlled facility from day of entry through **Saturday, August 2, 2025, (day of pickup).**

RULES:

- **Only Madison County residents can enter items to be judged**, except for entries into the Honey Department, which is open to everyone. Please bring a picture ID with your current address.
- All entries must have been completed since the previous county fair and be original work (not from a kit or purchased).
- Limited to one entry per class for each Exhibitor, including "other than listed" classes. The "other than listed" class must be an entry that does not qualify under any other listed class in the division.
- Items entered will not be able to be viewed until the **fair opens on Friday, July 25, 2025 from 6 PM.**
- *Exhibit Hall will be open nightly during the Fair from 6 to 8 PM each evening.*
- **All entries must be picked up on Saturday, August 2, 2025, between 9:00-11:00 a.m. No early pickup allowed.** Premium money will be disbursed at that time. Exhibitors must retain duplicate part of entry tag to identify and reclaim article at pick up. Any items not picked up during this time will be available at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Office during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for a period of two weeks, starting August 4th.
- **New Classes/ changes denoted in Green Font**

The Fair Board and the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service, and their volunteers, shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to any item entered.

Blue \$5

Red \$4

White \$3

Department Champion \$10

HANDIWORK DEPARTMENT

Division 1-Sewing

1. Wearable garment - includes adult, child, pet, aprons (item may be appliquéd, embroidered, or embellished)
2. Purse or bag
3. Sewing, other than listed, includes home décor or accessory
4. **Best-dressed Yard Ornament- hand-made garments/ accessories (Porch Goose/ Gnomes/ Woodland Creatures/ etc.)**

Division 2-Quilts

5. Hand pieced, hand quilted
6. Hand pieced, machine quilted
7. Machine pieced; machine quilted
8. Machine pieced; hand quilted
9. Mixed, pieced, or appliquéd, cross-stitch or embroidery, machine or hand quilted
10. Hand pieced or machine pieced/longarm quilted (longarm quilting not judged)
11. Wall-hanging
12. Baby quilt, or quilt other than listed

HANDIWORK DEPARTMENT

Division 3-Needlework

13. Knitted- Afghan, any variety
14. Knitted garment or accessory
15. Knitted household item
16. Crocheted – Afghan, any variety
17. Crocheted garment or accessory
18. Crocheted household item
19. Counted cross-stitch (14 ct.)
20. Counted cross-stitch-miniature (16-22 ct.)
21. Hand embroidered item (includes basic, crewel, candle wicking, tatting, smocking, ribbon, Swedish, and lacemaking)
22. Needlework, other than listed

Division 4-Fiber Arts

23. Weaving
24. Felting, wet method (crochet or knit)
25. Felting, needle method
26. Felting from hand-made fiber
27. Hand-dyed fiber
28. Hand-spun yarn
29. Hand spun finished article
30. Fiber arts, other than listed
31. **Open Youth (age 18 & under)** any Sewing, Quilt, Needlework, or Fiber Art class in divisions 1,2, 3 or 4.

HERITAGE SKILLS DEPARTMENT

Division 5-Fine Arts & Craftsmanship

- 32. Basket (market, decorated, with color, pie)
- 33. Miniature basket
- 34. Basket, other than listed
- 35. Woven bottom stool or chair
- 36. Woodwork – functional
- 37. Woodwork – art
- 38. Carving, any medium, except gourds
- 39. Wood burning
- 40. Rug-hooking
- 41. Leather craft
- 42. Jewelry
- 43. Metal art
- 44. Sculpture, any medium
- 45. Painting, decorative - 3 dimensional (wood, metal, other)
- 46. Fine arts & crafts, other than listed

HERITAGE SKILLS DEPARTMENT

Division 6-Crafts

- 47. All gourds (carved, painted, sculpted, or wood burned)
- 48. Dolls/toys
- 49. Wall hanging, non-quilted, includes wreaths
- 50. Holiday decoration, not including wreaths
- 51. Scrapbooking
- 52. Greeting cards
- 53. Origami and other paper crafts
- 54. Ceramics
- 55. Recycled art, must include before picture
- 56. Macramé
- 57. Handcrafted Soaps
- 58. Homemade Candles
- 59. 3D printed projects- (created from doodler or pen)
- 60. Best Dressed Taxidermy
- 61. Crafts, other than listed
- 62. Open Youth (age 18 & under) any Craft class in Divisions 5 or 6.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Division 7-Painting/Drawing (*Two-dimensional art only*)

- 63. Oil

64. Acrylic
65. Pen or ink
66. Pencil
67. Watercolor
68. Pastels
69. Mixed media
70. Charcoal
71. Cartoon/ Anime' /Manga
72. Painting or drawing, other than listed
73. Painted Yard ornaments (Porch Goose, bird bath, gnomes, bird house, etc.)
74. Open Youth (age 18 & under) any piece eligible for a class in the Painting/Drawing Division.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Division 8-Photography

Matted or framed/ready to hang. Minimum 5x7", maximum 11x14" (taken since last fair)

75. Color: Nature or landscape
76. Color: Animal, insect, or creature
77. Color: Still life/inanimate object
78. Color: Portrait
79. Color: Madison County photo, (must indicate where taken)
80. Black and White: Nature or landscape
81. Black and White: Animal, insect, or creature
82. Black and White: Still life/inanimate object
83. Black and White: Portrait
84. Black and White: Madison County photo, (must indicate where taken)
85. Cell phone image (digitally altered or enhanced)
86. Processed film
87. Open Youth (age 18 & under) any Photography in Division 8.

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Produce exhibits must be displayed on a heavy disposable plate and enclosed in a large zip lock bag.

Division 9-Vegetables and Herbs

88. Plate of 12 beans, any variety
89. Plate of 3 root crops (examples include carrots, beets, turnips)
90. Plate of 3 cucumbers
91. Plate of 3 peppers, any variety
92. Plate of 3 potatoes
93. Plate of 3 yellow squash, any variety
94. Plate of 3 zucchinis
95. Plate of 3 tomatoes, any variety

96. Plate of 3 cherry tomatoes, any variety
97. Best vegetable exhibit (5 or more different types of vegetables grown by exhibitor, container will also be judged)
98. Largest tomato, determined by weight (only one tomato needed)
99. Ugliest vegetable (any variety, naturally uniquely shaped, textured, or colored)
100. Tacky vegetable (decorate and be creative, can use more than one vegetable)
101. Vase or glass bottle of fresh herbs (single herb or multiple herbs, grown by exhibitor)
102. Open Youth (age 18 & under) Any entry eligible for a class in Division 9.

FLOWER, ARRANGEMENTS AND GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Flower Specimen - A single plant bloom, spike or spray with foliage in a glass bottle or vase. We are not responsible for vase or bottle. Keep in mind exhibits will NOT be judged the same day they are entered. Do not use water beads with entries.

Division 10-Flowers

103. Cosmos
104. Marigold, any variety
105. Zinnia, dwarf under 2 ½ in.
106. Zinnia, giant over 2 ½ in.
107. Biggest sunflower head
108. Flower, other than listed
109. Open Youth (age 18 & under) Any entry for flowers class in Division 10.

Division 11-Plants, Arrangements & Garden Whimsy

Pot and vase/containers are considered in overall judging.

For flower arrangements, the majority of flowers must be harvested, grown and/or gathered by the exhibitor.

110. Hanging basket
111. Potted plant (plant is annual and does not live year to year)
112. Succulent
113. Houseplant (must have owned plant for over 1 year)
114. Arrangement of fresh flowers
115. Teacup arrangement
116. Miniature arrangement of fresh flowers under 4 inches. Container size included in height.
117. Best fairy garden
118. Best painted garden rock
119. Open Youth (ages 18 and under) any exhibit for classes listed in Division 11.

CANNING DEPARTMENT

Must be sealed in a standard canning jar with a 2-piece metal lid. No decorative cover.

Division 12-Canned Vegetables

- 120. Green beans
- 121. Tomatoes
- 122. Tomato juice
- 123. Sauces (BBQ/ hot sauce/ or other such as taco or rhubarb)
- 124. Canned vegetable, other than listed

Division 13-Pickles & Relishes

- 125. Pickles (sweet, bread & butter, dill)
- 126. Relish, any variety
- 127. Pickled veggies/produce
- 128. Salsa

Division 14-Fruits, Jams, Jellies & Preserves

- 129. Canned fruit (blackberries, strawberries, pears, peaches, other)
- 130. Jams, any variety
- 131. Preserves, any variety
- 132. Applesauce and other purees
- 133. Butters, any variety (apple, pear, pumpkin, etc.)
- 134. Jelly, any variety.
- 135. Open Youth (ages 18 and under) Any entry eligible for classes in divisions 12,13, or 14.

FOODS DEPARTMENT

Food exhibits must be displayed on a heavy disposable plate, with multiple pieces enclosed in large zip lock bag.

Division 15-Breads

- 136. White yeast bread (1/2 loaf or 1/2 round)
- 137. Yeast bread, other than listed (1/2 loaf or 1/2 round, or plate of 4 yeast rolls)
- 138. 1/2 Coffee cake
- 139. Plate of biscuits- 4
- 140. Plate of muffins- 4 (corn, bran, sweet, etc.)
- 141. Quick breads, other than listed (1/2 loaf or 1/2 round) (includes Banana)
- 142. Sourdough bread (1/2 loaf or 1/2 round)

Division 16-Cakes

- 143. 1/4 Chocolate cake or 4 cupcakes – iced
- 144. 1/4 Cake or 4 cupcakes – iced (any variety other than chocolate)
- 145. 1/4 Cake or 4 cupcakes, other than listed
- 146. Decorated cake or 4 decorated cupcakes by amateur (real or Styrofoam base, **not tasted**)

Division 17-Cookies

- 147. Plate of brownies- 4
- 148. Plate of oatmeal cookies- 4
- 149. Plate of chocolate chip cookies- 4
- 150. Plate of sugar cookies-4

- 151. Plate of peanut butter cookies- 4
- 152. Plate of cookies, other than listed- 4

Division 18-Candy

- 153. Plate of fudge- 4 pieces, any flavor
- 154. Candy, other than listed, 4 pieces

Division 19-Pies

Traditional pies must be submitted as half of the pie.

- 155. Cream pie (if refrigeration required, it may not be displayed)
- 156. Fruit pie
- 157. Hand pies (baked or fried, 2 total minimum)
- 158. Pie, other than listed
- 159. **Open Youth (Ages 18 and under)** Any food entry eligible for classes in Divisions 15-19.

HONEY DEPARTMENT

Honey without comb should be submitted in 1 lb. Queen Line jars, no decorative cover or label. Honey with comb must be displayed in wide-mouth jar. No honey bear containers of any kind allowed. Classes assigned at Judge's discretion.

Division 20-Honey (without comb)

- 160. Water white jar of honey, without comb
- 161. Light amber jar of honey, without comb
- 162. Medium amber jar of honey, without comb
- 163. Dark amber jar of honey, without comb
- 164. Black jar of honey, without comb (jar painted black)

Division 21-Honey (with comb)

- 165. Water white jar of honey, with comb
- 166. Light amber jar of honey, with comb
- 167. Medium amber jar of honey, with comb
- 168. Dark amber jar of honey, with comb

Division 22 Frame Honey Display

- 169. Frame honey display

Division 23 Beeswax

- 170. 1 pound block of cleaned beeswax
- 171. Candles made from exhibitor's beeswax.

EGG DEPARTMENT

Eggs should be exhibited in carton or container furnished by exhibitor and be a product of their farm. Please wipe off eggs, but DO NOT RINSE, as the bloom needs to remain intact for room temperature exhibition.

Division 24 Poultry Eggs

- 172. Half dozen – white shell

- 173. Half dozen – brown shell
- 174. Half dozen – other color shell
- 175. Half dozen- bantam breeds (chicken only)
- 176. Half dozen – other than chicken (please indicate, Duck (any size variety)/ Peacock/ Emu/ Ostrich, etc.)
- 177. Open Youth (Ages 18 & under) any half dozen of eggs in any egg class.