

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE FAIR HOME & GARDEN OPEN SHOW 2025

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS: Tiffany Bolinger, Kelly Jackson

GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS: One entry in each division will be awarded Grand Champion, receive a rosette ribbon, and an additional \$10 premium.

SPECIAL AWARD: A piece of silver will be presented to the person or team living in Christian County or an adjoining county who receives the most blue ribbons. *Team entries and individual entries cannot be combined when counting blue ribbons*

RULES:

1. Pre-Register all items by submitting them on www.FairEntry.com
2. Deadline to register items on www.FairEntry.com is **June 17, 2025** **All entries must be registered by the deadline, no walk-ins will be accepted this year.**
3. If assistance is needed for entering entries online please contact the Christian County Extension Office at 270-886-6328 by June 17, 2025
4. If you would like to double-check that your items were correctly registered, please call the Extension Office to confirm by June 17, 2025. *No registration tags will be printed at the day of check-in*
5. All entries need to be brought to the Western Kentucky Fairgrounds between 9:00am-12:00pm, **Wednesday, June 25, 2025.**
6. All judging in this division will be held on Wednesday, June 25. Judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. ONLY superintendents and judges can be in building while judges are working.
7. Items must be made or grown by the exhibitor unless exhibited in antique categories.
8. Team entries will be allowed. All members of team MUST have worked together on item.
9. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one (1) article in any class.
10. If there is a class for an item, it cannot be entered in miscellaneous.
11. An article previously winning first prize in the Western Kentucky State Fair is not eligible for entry.
12. The management will use the utmost care to guard and protect exhibits. However, the management assumes no liability for lost, damaged or soiled items.
13. Exhibits must be picked up between 8:00-10:00 a.m. Friday, June 27. Exhibits cannot be picked up before 8:00 on Friday. Entries not picked up on Friday must be picked up at the Christian County Extension Office at 2850 Pembroke Rd., Hopkinsville no later than July 14.
14. 14 Premiums will be available for pick-up at the Christian County Extension Office during the week of July 7-11 during regular business hours.
15. Any items not picked up by July 14 will be sent to Salvation Army Thrift Shop or discarded. Any premiums not picked by this date will be forfeited
16. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Blue, Red and White Ribbons) placing will be awarded ONLY if it is merited. If the entry(s) is (are) deemed not worthy of 1st, 2nd or 3rd place by the judge, the judge will award the entry the prize it deserves.

Important Dates

Entry Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Entry Check-In: Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 9:00am-12:00pm

Entry Pick-Up: Friday, June 27, 2025, from 8:00-10:00am

FOODS

All food entries must be on a disposable plate and in clear re-sealable plastic bags.

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

First.....\$6.00

Second.....\$4.00

Third.....\$3.00

CLASSES:

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| 100-00: Biscuits (3) | 100-22: Chocolate Chip Cookies (half dozen) |
| 100-01: Angel or Yeast Biscuits (3) | 100-23: Peanut Butter Cookies (half dozen) |
| 100-02: Corn Meal Muffins (3) | 100-24: Brownies, Chocolate (4) |
| 100-03: Other Muffins (3) please label | 100-25: Brownies, Other (4) |
| 100-04: Yeast Rolls (3) | 100-26: Bar Cookies (4) please label |
| 100-05: Sweet Rolls (3) | 100-27: Other Cookies (4) please label |
| 100-06: Coffee Cake (half loaf) | 100-28: No Bake Cookies (4) please label |
| 100-07: Loaf of Yeast Bread (half loaf) | 100-29: Pie Crust (quarter of crust) |
| 100-08: Loaf of Whole Wheat or Whole Grain Bread(half loaf) | 100-30: Pecan Pie (quarter of pie) |
| 100-09: Loaf of Vegetable Bread (half loaf) *nuts optional* | 100-31: Chess Pie (quarter of pie) |
| 100-10: Loaf of Fruit Bread (half loaf) *nuts optional* | 100-32: Coconut Pie French (quarter of pie) |
| 100-11: Sourdough bread (half loaf) | 100-33: Fruit Pie (quarter of pie) |
| 100-12: Chocolate cake (quarter of cake) | 100-34: Other Pie (quarter of pie) please label |
| 100-13: Angel food cake, not iced (quarter of cake) | 100-35: Chocolate Fudge (6 pieces) |
| 100-14: Pound Cake, not iced (quarter of cake) | 100-36: Peanut Butter (6 pieces) |
| 100-15: Spice or Jam Cake, iced (quarter of cake) | 100-37: Other Fudge (6 pieces) please label |
| 100-16: Prune Cake, iced (quarter of cake) | 100-38: Divinity (6 pieces) |
| 100-17: Cupcakes, iced (3) | 100-39: Brittle (6 pieces) |
| 100-18: Best Decorated Cake | 100-40: Dipped Candy (6 pieces) |
| 100-19: Other Cake (quarter of cake) | 100-41: Other Candy (6 pieces) please label |
| 100-20: Oatmeal Cookies (half dozen) | |
| 100-21: Sugar Cookies (half dozen) | |

CANNING

1. Jars must be clean and lids free from rust or food product.
2. Check for proper head space.
3. All Entries must be home canned.
4. All entries must be in clear standard canning jar of suitable size.
5. All jars must have two-piece lids.
6. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation, and processing method.
7. All entries must have been canned since July of last year.

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

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| First | \$5.00 |
| Second | \$4.00 |
| Third | \$3.00 |

Do I really need to leave a certain amount of headspace in the jar?

Yes, leaving the specified amount of headspace in a jar is important to assure a vacuum seal. If too little headspace is allowed the food may expand and bubble out when air is being forced out from under the lid during processing. The bubbling food may leave a deposit on the rim of the jar or the seal of the lid and prevent the jar from sealing properly. If too much headspace is allowed, the food at the top is likely to discolor. Also, the jar may not seal properly because there will not be enough processing time to drive all the air out of the jar.

HEADSPACE GUIDELINES: These headspace recommendations come from the National Center for Home Food Preservation. When in doubt, please consult a recipe.

- Vegetables: Most vegetables require a one-inch headspace
- Tomatoes, Tomato Juice, Salsa: ½ inch
- Tomato Sauce: ¼ inch
- Tomato Ketchup, Tomato Relish: ⅛ inch
- Spaghetti Sauce: 1 inch
- Fruit Juices: ¼ inch headspace
- Fruit: ½ inch headspace
- Jellies, Jams, Preserves: ¼ inch headspace
- Applesauce: ½ inch headspace
- Apple Butter, Fruit Butters: ¼ inch headspace

CANNING CLASSES

JELLY CLASSES:

- 200-00: Apple Jelly
- 200-01: Blackberry Jelly
- 200-02: Cherry Jelly
- 200-03: Crabapple Jelly
- 200-04: Grape Jelly
- 200-05: Peach Jelly
- 200-06: Plum Jelly
- 200-07: Strawberry Jelly
- 200-08: Hot pepper Jelly
- 200-09: Other Jelly (please label)

JAM CLASSES:

- 200-10: Blackberry Jam
- 200-11: Strawberry Jam
- 200-12: Peach Jam
- 200-13: Other Jam (please label)

PRESERVES CLASSES:

- 200-14: Blackberry Preserves
- 200-15: Cherry Preserves
- 200-16: Peach Preserves
- 200-17: Pear Preserves
- 200-18: Strawberry Preserves
- 200-19: Other Preserves (please label)

OTHER CLASSES:

- 200-20: Butters/Spreads/Honeys (please label)
- 200-21: Pie Fillings (please label)
- 200-22: Sauces (please label)
- 200-23: Vegetable Soup Mix (no meat)

CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES:

- 200-24: Other Fruits (please label)
- 200-25: Apples
- 200-26: Applesauce
- 200-27: Blackberries
- 200-28: Cherries
- 200-29: Peaches
- 200-30: Pears
- 200-31: Other Vegetables (please label)
- 200-32: Beets
- 200-33: Black-Eyed Peas
- 200-34: Purple-Hulled Peas
- 200-35: Carrots
- 200-36: Green Beans
- 200-37: Lima Beans
- 200-38: Peas
- 200-39: Tomatoes, Red (boiling water or pressure canner)
- 200-40: Tomatoes, Green (boiling water or pressure canner)
- 200-41: Tomato Juice (boiling water or pressure canner)
- 200-42: Other Juice (please label)

PICKLE CLASSES:

- 200-43: Bread & Butter Pickles
- 200-44: Dill Pickles
- 200-45: Sweet Cucumber Pickles
- 200-46: Pickled Beets
- 200-47: Squash Pickles
- 200-48: Pickled Peppers
- 200-49: Pickled Okra
- 200-50: Pickled Green Beans
- 200-51: Other Pickled Foods (please label)
- 200-52: Tomato Relish
- 200-53: Squash Relish
- 200-54: Tomato/Vegetable Salsa
- 200-55: Other Relish (please label)

MARKETABLE SKILLS

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

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| First | \$6.00 |
| Second | \$4.00 |
| Third | \$3.00 |

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| 300-00: Pillow (<i>any</i>) | 300-25: Handcrafted Jewelry |
| 300-01: Adult Clothing (any garment-machine or hand-sewn) | 300-26: Handcrafted Flowers |
| 300-02: Baby Clothes (any garment-machine or hand-sewn) | 300-27: Barrettes, Bows & other Hair Accessories |
| 300-03: Children's Clothes (any garment-machine or hand-sewn) | 300-28: Lamp Shades |
| 300-04: Purchased Clothing (<i>decorated by exhibitor</i>) | 300-29: Wood Crafts |
| 300-05: Doll Clothes (<i>3 outfits</i>) | 300-30: Handmade Doll or Animal |
| 300-06: Tote Bag or Purse | 300-31: Handmade Toy |
| 300-07: Hand-Knitted Scarves | 300-32: Article from Recycled Product |
| 300-08: Hand-Crocheted Scarves | 300-33: Miscellaneous (only items that cannot be entered in another category) |
| 300-09: Knitted or Crocheted Article (<i>no afghans, collars, doilies, scarves</i>) | 300-34: Antique Craft Item (50 years or older: list approx. age) |
| 300-10: Knitted or Crocheted Collar or Doily | 300-35: Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas |
| 300-11: Weaving | 300-36: Cross Stitch Article (<i>no framed pictures</i>) |
| 300-12: Ceramic Piece | 300-37: Hand-Embroidered Article (<i>no framed pictures</i>) |
| 300-13: Christmas Wreath | 300-38: Other Needlework (<i>no framed pictures</i>) |
| 300-14: Christmas Decoration | 300-39: Drawing |
| 300-15: Christmas Ornament | 300-40: Watercolor Picture |
| 300-16: Holiday Decoration (<i>other than Christmas</i>) | 300-41: Acrylics |
| 300-17: Patriotic Article | 300-42: Oil Painting on Canvas |
| 300-18: Potholder | 300-43: Hand Painted Gourds |
| 300-19: Decorated Wreath (<i>no Christmas</i>) | 300-44: Upcycled Fabric Item |
| 300-20: Decorated Hat | 300-45: Upcycled Clothing Item |
| 300-21: Photo Album (<i>cover</i>) | |
| 300-22: Photo Album and/or Scrapbook | |
| 300-23: Angels | |
| 300-24: Card-Making | |

JUNIOR MARKETABLE SKILLS: AGES 11-16

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

First \$5.00
Second \$4.00
Third \$3.00

370-00: Holiday Decoration

370-01: Patriotic Decoration

370-02: Fabric Craft

370-03: Needlework or embroidery

370-04: Photo Album or scrapbook

370-05: Handcrafted Jewelry

370-06: Barrettes, Bows, & Other Hair
Accessories

370-07: Wood Crafts

370-08: Leather craft

370-09: Article from recycled product

370-10: Miscellaneous (only items that cannot
be entered in another category)

370-11: Drawing

370-12: Watercolor

370-13: Painting

370-14: Other Media

370-15: Upcycled Fabric Item

370-16: Upcycled Clothing Item

YOUTH MARKETABLE SKILLS: AGES 10 & UNDER

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

First \$5.00
Second \$4.00
Third \$3.00

350-00: Holiday Decoration

350-01: Patriotic Decoration

350-02: Fabric Craft

350-03: Needlework or embroidery

350-04: Photo Album or scrapbook

350-05: Handcrafted Jewelry

350-06: Barrettes, Bows, & Other Hair
Accessories

350-07: Wood Crafts

350-08: Leather craft

350-09: Article from recycled product

350-10: Miscellaneous (only items that cannot
be entered in another category)

350-11: Drawing

350-12: Watercolor

350-13: Painting

350-14: Other Media

350-15: Upcycled Fabric Item

350-16: Upcycled Clothing Item

HOME FURNISHINGS

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

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| First | \$8.00 |
| Second | \$5.00 |
| Third | 4.00 |

HOME FURNISHING CLASSES:

- 400-00: Baby's Quilt
- 400-01: Quilt (pieced patchwork, hand-quilted, applique, embroidered, or cross stitch)
- 400-02: Quilt sewing machine quilted
- 400-03: Quilt, long arm quilted
- 400-04: Quilt-antique (50 yrs. or older; judged on beauty, age, condition-list approx. age)
- 400-05: Quilt (*other*)
- 400-06: Other quilted item
- 400-07: Afghan (knitted or crocheted)
- 400-08: Baby Afghan (knitted or crocheted)
- 400-09: Tablecloth
- 400-10: Crocheted or knitted tablecloth or bedspread
- 400-11: Hand-made or hand-embellished napkins (2)
- 400-12: Pillowcases (hand-made or embellished with embroidery, crocheted or lace trim)
- 400-13: Crewel picture (framed & matted by the exhibitor, any size)
- 400-15: Framed picture (framed & matted by the exhibitor, any size)
- 400-16: Counted cross-stitch picture (created, framed & matted by exhibitor-any size)
- 400-17: Stamped cross-stitch picture (created, framed & matted by exhibitor-any size)
- 400-18: Wall Hanging (*fabric or other*)
- 400-19: Antique handiwork (no quilts, 50 yrs. or older-list approx. age)
- 400-20: Homemade wooden items
- 400-21: Miscellaneous (only items that cannot be entered in another category)

PHOTOGRAPHY

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

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|--------|--------|
| First | \$6.00 |
| Second | \$4.00 |
| Third | \$3.00 |

RULES:

1. Photographs need to be matted or mounted.
2. *NO FRAMED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY.*
3. This is a competition for amateurs. Commercial enterprises or businesses are not eligible.
4. All entries must be photos taken by the exhibitors. Photos downloaded from the internet will be disqualified.

Photography competition is about the art of Photography NOT Photoshop (Class 16 is for advanced editing/Photoshop techniques). Basic editing techniques are acceptable for any of the normal classes. Some examples of basic editing include cropping, sharpening, dodging, burning, increasing color saturation, increasing contrast and removing dust spots. Be careful to NOT over-sharpen or over-saturate your photos. Photos must be from a single image. Objects from another photo CANNOT be added to your original image (apart from Class 16).

Colored Photographs

- 500-00: Posed People (Singles, Couples, Groups)
- 500-01: Candid People (Engaged In General Activities, Not Posed)
- 500-02: Places & Landscapes
- 500-03: Things & Still Life
- 500-04: Plants, Flowers & Trees
- 500-05: Animals, Insects & Wildlife
- 500-06: Agriculture Scenes (Barns, Crops, Livestock, General Farm Scenes)
- 500-07: Western Kentucky Landmarks

Black And White Photographs

- 500-08: B&W Posed People (Singles, Couples, Groups)
- 500-09: B&W Candid People (Engaged In General Activities, Not Posed)
- 500-10: B&W Places & Landscapes
- 500-11: B&W Things & Still Life
- 500-12: B&W Plants, Flowers & Trees
- 500-13: B&W Animals, Insects & Wildlife
- 500-14: B&W Agriculture Scenes (Barns, Crops, Livestock, General Farm Scenes)
- 500-15: B&W Western Kentucky Landmarks

Other Photographs

- 500-16: Anything Goes (Dramatically Computer Enhanced Or Radically Altered Photos-Color, B&W, Sepia, Combination)
- 500-17: Miscellaneous (Only Items that cannot be entered in another category)

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY: AGES 11-16

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

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|--------|--------|
| First | \$5.00 |
| Second | \$4.00 |
| Third | \$3.00 |

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES:

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| 530-00: | People (posed or candid) |
| 530-01: | Places & Landscapes |
| 530-02: | Things & Still Life |
| 530-03: | Plants, Flowers & Trees |
| 530-04: | Animals, Insects & Wildlife |
| 530-05: | Miscellaneous (only items that cannot be entered in another category) |

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY: AGES 10 & UNDER

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

| | |
|--------|--------|
| First | \$5.00 |
| Second | \$4.00 |
| Third | \$3.00 |

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES:

| | |
|---------|---|
| 520-00: | People (posed or candid) |
| 520-01: | Places & Landscapes |
| 520-02: | Things & Still Life |
| 520-03: | Plants, Flowers & Trees |
| 520-04: | Animals, Insects & Wildlife |
| 520-05: | Miscellaneous (only items that cannot be entered in another category) |

FLOWERS

RULES:

1. All flowers must be home grown.
2. All arrangements must contain at least 50% living materials
3. No potted plants

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

First \$6.00
Second \$4.00
Third \$3.00

600-00: Gladioli

600-01: Roses

600-02: Marigolds

600-03: Zinnias

600-04: Daylilies

600-05: Calla Lilies

600-06: Cone Flowers

600-07: Mixed Flowers

600-08: Phlox

600-09: Daisies

600-10: Hydrangeas

600-11: Miscellaneous (*only items that cannot be entered in another category*)

600-12: Most Unusual Arrangement

600-13: Three (3) or Fewer Flowers

600-14: Miniature Arrangement (*not over 3" tall*)

600-15: Small Arrangement (*4"-5" tall*)

600-16: Wildflower Arrangement

600-17: Table Arrangement (*live flowers*)

600-18: Bridal or Prom Arrangement

600-19: Artificial Arrangement

600-20: Dried Flower Arrangement

600-21: Miscellaneous Arrangement (*only items that cannot be entered in another category*)

SINGLE STEM

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

First \$4.00
Second \$3.00
Third \$2.00

600-22 Gladioli

600-23: Roses

600-24: Marigolds

600-25: Zinnias

600-26: Dahlias

600-27: Daylilies

600-28: Calla Lilies

600-29: Other Lilies

600-30: Sunflowers

600-31: Daisies

600-32: Hydrangeas

600-33: Coneflower

600-34: Miscellaneous Single Stem (*only items that cannot be entered in another cat.*)

GARDEN DISPLAY

RULES:

1. All vegetables & fruit should be clean & attractively arranged for display on disposable trays provided.
2. All vegetables & fruit must be homegrown by the exhibitor

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

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| First | \$4.00 |
| Second | \$3.00 |
| Third | \$2.00 |

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| 700-00: Apples (3) | 700-24: Carrots (3) |
| 700-01: Grapes (any variety-3 bunches) | 700-25: Cabbage (1) |
| 700-02: Peaches (home grown-3) | 700-26: Okra (12 pods) |
| 700-03: Pears (3) | 700-27: Sweet Corn, Any Variety (3 ears) |
| 700-04: Blackberries (wild 6) | 700-28: Bunch Beans (12) |
| 700-05: Blackberries (tame-6) | 700-29: Horticulture Beans (12) |
| 700-06: Other Berries (6) | 700-30: Other Peas (12) |
| 700-07: Display of Garden Products | 700-31: Eggplant (1) |
| 700-08: Potatoes, Red, White, or Sweet (3) | 700-32: Melons, Any Variety (1) |
| 700-09: Slicing Cucumbers (3) | 700-33: Sunflower (1) |
| 700-10: Pickling Cucumbers (3) | 700-34: Radishes (3) |
| 700-11: Burpless Cucumbers (3) | 700-35: Broccoli (3 spears) |
| 700-12: Onions Red, White or Yellow (3) | 700-36: Most unusual vegetable (please label) |
| 700-13: Green Onions, edible (3) | 700-37: Biggest Potato |
| 700-14: Other Onions (3) | 700-38: Biggest Tomato |
| 700-15: Red Tomatoes (3) | 700-39: Biggest Onion |
| 700-16: Miniature Tomatoes, Cherry, Yellow or Pear (5 or a cluster) | 700-40: Biggest Squash |
| 700-17: Tomatoes (other-3) | 700-41: Biggest Head of Cabbage |
| 700-18: Bell Peppers, all kinds (3) | 700-42: Biggest Cucumber |
| 700-19: Banana Peppers (3) | 700-43: Biggest Pepper |
| 700-20: Jalapeno Peppers (3) | 700-44: Herb and/or Spices (1 bunch) |
| 700-21: Beets (3) | 700-45: Display of 3 or more herbs and or spices |
| 700-22: Squash, Yellow (3) | 700-46: Miscellaneous (only items that cannot be entered in another category) |
| 700-23: Squash, Zucchini (3) | |