



CANNING & DRIED FOODS

Department Head: UCCE Master Food Preservers of El Dorado County

UCCE Master Food Preservers may be offering class for children in the Spring;

March 8, 2025 & April 5, 2025. Contact the UCCE office for timeframe at 530-621-5502



Entry forms due by	Wednesday, May 21,	4:00 pm (or midnight online)	At the fair office
Drop Off Entries	Wednesday, June 4,	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Home Arts- Marshall Building
Judged	Saturday, June 7,	9:00 am	Open to the public
Pick Up Entries	Monday, June 16,	2:00 – 6:00 pm ONLY	Home Arts (Marshall) Building

ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 16 MAY BE DISCARDED. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP MUST BE PICKED UP IN FAIR OFFICE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST.

LIMITED TO NON-COMMERCIAL ENTRIES ONLY

RULES (STATE RULES APPLY)

- A. State and Local Rules and Regulations shall apply.
- B. Exhibitors must have prepared their own entries since the close of last year's fair, with the exception of "Family" entries. These may be created together, as a family project.
- C. All products being considered for the cash awards which have not otherwise been eliminated from consideration will be opened.
- D. Each food entry must consist of two (2) identical samples: one to be judged and one for the display exhibit. Vinegar, Cordials, Liqueurs, Honey, and Syrups are excluded. Please refer to Rule G below.
- E. All jars must be standard clear canning jars with a two (2) part lid and ring band closure. No products requiring refrigeration will be accepted. All canning must be in sealed jars. No paraffin wax.
- F. Labels must be no larger than 1"x2" or round and may be placed on the side of the jar (exception youth, teen) or on top of the lid. Labels must state the name of the product, the date canned, and the method used. (Example: the initials B.W. for Boiling Water canning, P.C. for Pressure Canning, S.T. for Steam Canning). **THE NAME OF THE EXHIBITOR MUST NOT BE ON THIS LABEL. TEEN & YOUTH:** Both jars MUST be labeled on their lids.
- G. Vinegars, Cordials, Liqueurs, Honey, or Syrups only: Containers must be as follows: One (1) Tamper-Proof, labeled bottle, jar, or other container for the display exhibit and one (1) labeled ½ pint or standard pint canning jar for the judging. **NEW:** High-acid foods that require a processing time of 45 minutes or less, may be processed in an atmospheric steam canner. The processing time is the same as for a boiling water canner, adjusted as necessary for altitude. For more information, use the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning. <https://nchfp.uga.edu/resources/category/usda-guide> or QR Code below.
- H. Canning Methods: All low-acid foods, all vegetables, tomatoes containing vegetables, meat, poultry, or fish **must be canned under pressure.** All high-acid foods, jams, jellies, soft spreads, fruit, pickles, tomatoes, condiments, and juices must be processed in a boiling water canner or a steam canner. Borderline high-acid fruit, such as figs, tomatoes, tomato products, or Asian pears must be made more acidic by adding lemon juice or citric acid as directed in the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning. For more information, refer to the National Center for Home Food Preservation website listed above or QR Code below. **NOTE:** Open kettle or inversion methods will not be allowed to enter.
- I. Dried products must have a minimum of ½ cup in each jar.
- J. American Judging is traditional placing: One first place, one second, and one-third place will be awarded. Danish judging is when exhibits are judged upon their own merit. There may be more than one first place, second place, or third place exhibit.
- K. **WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ACCEPTING PRODUCTS THAT DO NOT ABIDE BY THE ABOVE RULES AND USDA GUIDELINES. Due to safety issues, attach a list of ingredients for each entry.**
- L. TEEN Exhibitors may enter teen division if they are at least 14 years of age and have not yet had their 19th birthday before the opening of the fair. TEENS will be judged "American" and will receive ribbons, no prize money.
- M. YOUTH exhibitors may enter youth divisions if they have not yet had their 14th birthday before the opening day of the fair. Youth exhibitors will be judged by the "Danish" system and will receive ribbons (no prize money).
- N. Classes may be combined to ensure three (3) to a class. Awards will only be paid if there are at least three (3) in a class.



USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning

SPECIAL ADULT CATEGORY AWARDS

NOTE: Award checks WILL NOT be mailed; checks not picked up with entries must be picked up at the fair office during regular fair office hours.

Award Sponsored by Apple Hill® Growers Association

Apple Butter - \$25 Award

Award Sponsored by El Dorado Disposal

Best of Show (Division 274 – 276, combined)

Awards Sponsored by UC Master Food Preservers

Paul Pecota Memorial Best Salsa - \$25 Award

Gloria Herbert Best Mustard - \$25 Award

Ginger Brooks Memorial Best Jam - \$25 Award

Jane Stanley Memorial Best Dessert Sauce - \$25 Award

Bernie & Evelyn Ritscher Best Pickle - \$25 Award

Pauline Keehn Memorial Best Pickled Asparagus - \$25 Award

Best Chili or Hot Sauce - \$25 Award

ADULT DIVISIONS

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR

Awards Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$1

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON (Division 260 - 271)

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

Classes may be combined to ensure 3 to a class. Awards will only be paid if there are at least three in a class.

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BOTTLED JUICES

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1-pint to 1 quart

DIVISION 260

CLASS #

- Apple juice or cider, (specify)*
- Berry juice

- Tomato juice
- Other, not listed above juice, (specify)*
- juice or cider, (specify)*

*Kombucha entries have been moved to the microbrew/homebrew Department.
No fermented ciders

CANNED FRUITS

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1-pint to 1 quart

DIVISION 262

CLASS #

- Apricots
- Apples
- Apple Sauce, (specify variety)

- Cherries, (specify variety)
- Grapes , (specify variety)
- Peaches,
- Pears, (specify variety)
- Plums, (specify variety)

- Berries, (specify variety)
- Other Fruits, not listed above, (specify variety)
- Other spiced or flavored, (specify)
- Fruits, not listed above, (specify)

CANNED VEGETABLES, MEATS, POULTRY & FISH

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1-pint to 1 quart

DIVISION 263

CLASS #

- Beans, (specify variety)

- Tomatoes, (specify variety)
- Fish, Meat, or Poultry, (specify variety)

- Broth, (specify)
- Other, not listed above, (specify)

LOW SUGAR

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1-pint to 1 quart

DIVISION 264

CLASS #

- Bottled Juice
- Jam (4 oz. - 1 pint accepted)

- Jelly (4 oz. – 1 pint accepted)
- Other, not listed above, (specify)

PICKLED/PICKLES

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1-pint to 1 quart

DIVISION 265

CLASS #

- Beets
- Beans
- Asparagus

- Bread and butter
- Cucumbers, dill, sliced
- Cucumbers, dill, whole
- Green Tomatoes
- Sweet Jardinière

- Peppers, (specify)
- Fruit, (specify)
- Vegetable, (specify)
- Sauerkraut
- Any other, not listed, (specify)

JAMS

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1/4-pint to 1 pint

DIVISION 266

CLASS

1. Apricot
2. Apricot & Pineapple
3. Blackberry
4. Boysenberry
5. Fig

6. Grape, (specify variety)
7. Kiwi
8. Peach, (specify variety)
9. Pepper, (specify variety)
10. Plum, (specify variety)
11. Raspberry
12. Strawberry

13. Any Fruit Combination
14. Any Jam infused with alcohol, (specify)
15. Other Berry, not listed, (specify)
16. Any other, not listed, (specify)

JELLIES

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1/4-pint to 1 pint

DIVISION 267

CLASS

1. Apples, (specify variety)
2. Blackberry
3. Grape, (specify variety)
4. Mixed flavors, (specify)

5. Orange
6. Plum, (specify variety)
7. Pomegranate
8. Strawberry
9. Any Jelly infused with alcohol, (specify)

10. Other Berry, not listed above, (specify)
11. Any other, not listed above, (specify)

PRESERVES

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1/4-pint to 1 pint

DIVISION 268

CLASS

1. Fruit Combination
2. Tomato, (specify)

3. Other, not listed, (specify)

MARMALADES & BUTTERS

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1/4-pint to 1 pint

DIVISION 269

CLASS

1. Apple butter

2. Butter, (specify)
3. Orange marmalade
4. Other, not listed above Citrus

- marmalade, (specify)
5. Other, not listed above Fruit marmalade, (specify)

CONDIMENTS & RELISHES

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1/4-pint to 1 pint

DIVISION 270

CLASS

1. BBQ sauce
2. Chili/Hot sauce

3. Chutney
4. Cucumber relish, (specify)
5. Mustard
6. Salsa

7. Tomato Catsup
8. Vegetable relish, (specify)
9. Tomato Sauce
10. Other, not listed above, (specify)

GOURMET

Standard Clear Glass Jar – 1/4-pint to 1 pint

DIVISION 271

CLASS

1. Fruit syrup, (specify)
2. Flavored vinegar, herb, (specify)
3. Garlic, Horseradish, Shallot

4. Honey,
5. Honeycomb
6. Flavored Honey
7. Liqueurs or cordials
8. Other not listed above

9. Fruit conserves, (Conserves consist of 2 fruits and a nut, coconut, or raisins)
10. Dessert Sauce

ADULT DIVISIONS: DRIED FOODS

ENTRY FEE: \$3 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

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DRIED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

1/4 pint, 1/2 pint, or 1 pint

DIVISION 274
CLASS #

1. Fruits, (specify)
2. Vegetables, (specify)
3. Nuts, (specify)
4. Other, not listed above, (specify)

DRIED SEASONINGS

1/4 pint, 1/2 pint, or 1 pint

DIVISION 275
CLASS #

1. Seasoning Combinations, (specify)
2. Flavored Salt, (specify)
3. Other, not listed above, (specify)

DRIED MEATS & FISH

1/2 pint, 1 pint, or 1 quart

DIVISION 276
CLASS #

1. Any meat, smoked, (specify)
2. Any meat, dried, (specify)
3. Other, not listed above, (specify)

TEEN DIVISIONS

Free to Enter

AGES 14-18

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

NO PRIZE MONEY - RIBBONS ONLY

American System of Judging

DIVISION 277
CLASS #

1. Any Berry Jam
2. Any Other Jam
3. Grape Jelly
4. Apple Jelly
5. Any Other Jelly
6. Preserves, Conserves & Butter
7. Dried Foods
8. Vinegars
9. Flavored Salts
10. Other, not listed above, (specify)

YOUTH DIVISIONS

Free to Enter

AGES 5-13

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

NO PRIZE MONEY - RIBBONS ONLY

Danish System of Judging

BEST OF SHOW RIBBON

DIVISIONS 278 – 280

(Must be at least 3 entries in a division to award Best of Show.)

DIVISION 278 | 5 YEARS & UNDER
DIVISION 279 | 6 – 10 YEARS OLD
DIVISION 280 | 11 – 13 YEARS OLD

CLASS #

1. Any Berry Jam
2. Any Other Jam
3. Grape Jelly
4. Apple Jelly
5. Any Other Jelly
6. Other, not listed above, (specify)

FAMILY DIVISIONS

Free to Enter

LIMIT: TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS PER PERSON

American System of Judging

NO PRIZE MONEY - RIBBONS ONLY

Family Members or teams of Mentor and children may enter these classes.

DIVISION 281

CLASS # – Specify flavors in each class

1. Jam & Jellies
2. Preserves, Conserves & Butter
3. Pickles, Relishes
4. Canned Vegetables
5. Other, not listed above, (specify)