



**4-H: INSPIRES**  
**VISION**  
**2020 MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR**

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## **MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR 4-H VILLAGE** **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The exhibit must be made or produced by the 4-H'er in the current year. It cannot be over 24"x24"x24". It should be made as a result of a workshop sponsored by Extension, a 4-H club meeting, or work in a 4-H project.
2. **ONLY ITEMS ON THE EXHIBIT LIST WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
3. Items entered in the wrong category may be disqualified.
4. Because of limited space, exhibits which occupy an excessive amount of space may be disqualified.
5. Items that have received a blue ribbon at a county fair, multi-county fair, or a county 4-H Exhibit Day may be exhibited in the 4-H Village at the Mississippi State Fair.
6. All exhibits must be approved by the County Extension person in charge of 4-H.
7. Exhibits will be judged on quality and workmanship.
8. **A 4-H'ER MAY ENTER ONE EXHIBIT PER LOT.** (Unless otherwise noted)
9. Unless otherwise noted by a number in parenthesis, each lot is one item.
10. All exhibits must be identified with labels securely attached. The State 4-H Department will furnish labels.
11. Items should only be exhibited once at the Mississippi State Fair. Exceptions are the following collections: plant or wildflowers, seed and recipe. These, however, should be updated each year. (*Should exhibits be detected as being exhibited the previous year, they will be disqualified*).
12. All exhibits should be entered into the Oracle State Fair System.
13. The exhibits should be packed in a box with the county name on it.
14. Perishable exhibits, such as certain vegetables, fruits and foods will not be returned. All vegetables will be displayed on disposable plates.
15. Blue ribbon exhibits will be displayed. Red and white ribbon exhibits will be displayed only if space is available.
16. The 4-H Department will assume no liability for loss or damage to any exhibit, but all precautions possible will be exercised to avoid losses or damages.
17. In the event that a 4-H member's premium is less than a dollar, it will not be paid.
18. Unless otherwise noted, **ALL COUNTIES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEIR EXHIBITS TO THE STATE FAIR OR SUBMITTING PHOTOS FOR VIRTUAL COMPETITION.**

## **DIVISION—AGRI-BUSINESS**

### **Animal Science**

- Lot 1: Breed identification Display
  - Poster of at least 10 breeds from 1 species of animals
  - Breeds can be of livestock
  - Breeds of companion animals, also accepted
- Lot 2: Feed Sample Display (at least 6 items)

### **Field Crops**

- Lot 3: Corn—5 ears
- Lot 4: Cotton
  - One stalk, cut off the roots and strip off leaves.
- Lot 5: Soybeans
  - One stalk, cut off the roots and strip off leaves.

### **Plant and Soil Science**

- Lot 6: Seed Collection
  - 1st year exhibitor—10 different seeds
  - 2nd year exhibitor—20 different seeds
  - 3rd year exhibitor—30 different seeds
  - All seed samples must be labeled
- Lot 7: Soil Texture
  - Samples of different types of soil mounted on a wood background.
  - Soil types must be labeled.

**DIVISION—CULINARY ARTS**  
**“Kids in the Kitchen”**

**Baking - Cookies**

- Lot 1: Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Lot 2: Oatmeal Cookies
- Lot 3: Peanut Butter Cookies

**Directions for cookies**

- Baked goods may be entered on two dates:
  - October 5, 2020
  - October 12, 2020
- Six (6) firm, dry cookies with no filling or frosting.
- Displays on a sturdy paper plate that is slipped into a **CLEAR, ZIPPER SEALED PLASTIC BAG**.
- Do not seal completely.
- Place exhibitor label on outside of plastic bag.
- All cookies must be freshly baked, within 2 days of judging
- Must be made from scratch (no mixes or commercial cookie dough),
- A recipe should be attached to the underside of the plate in standard recipe format.

**Baking - Breads**

- Lot 4: White Rolls
- Lot 5: Wheat Rolls
- Lot 6: Sourdough Rolls
- Lot 7: White Loaf
- Lot 8: Wheat Loaf
- Lot 9: Sourdough Loaf
- Lot 10: French Bread

**Directions for breads**

- Six (6) rolls, or one (1) 5X9" loaf, or one (1) 2X14" French Loaf.
- Display bread on a sturdy paper plate, either in a zipper sealed plastic bag or clear wrap (seal loosely, place exhibit label on outside).
- All bread must be freshly baked (made within 2 days of judging).
- Must be made from scratch (no commercial mixes or dough, or bread machine breads).

## Recipe Collection

- Lot 11: Recipe Box/Binder
  - Exhibit will be judged on the content and neatness of the recipe box or binder, not on decorative aspects. Criteria for a recipe box or binder are as follows:
  - A sturdy, strong box (cardboard, metal or wood) or sturdy 2 or 3 ring binder.
  - Dividers for each food division. Suggestions are beverages, breads, desserts, main dishes, salads, sandwiches, or vegetables.
  - They can be made of heavyweight paper (such as card stock) or can be purchased.
  - Recipes should be typed or written neatly on index cards for the recipe box.
  - Recipes should be typed and placed in sheet protectors.
    - 1st year exhibitor (15 Recipes)
    - 2-4 year (25 Recipes)
    - over 5 years (35 Recipes)

## Canning

- Lot 12: Canned Fruit (pint)
- Lot 13: Canned Vegetables (quart)
- Lot 14: Canned Juice (pint or quart)
- Lot 15: Canned Preserves (pints)
- Lot 16: Canned Jams (half pints or pints)
- Lot 17: Canned Jellies (half pints or pints)
- Lot 18: Canned Pickles (pint)
- Lot 19: Canned Relish (pint)

## Directions for Canning

- All canned exhibits must be submitted using the canning Entry Exhibit Form (available through 4-H). The criteria for canning are as follows:
  - All canned exhibits must be canned in standard canning jars with two-piece sealed lids.
  - No paraffin should be used on jellies or jams.
  - Jar lids and bands must be free of rust and should not be bent or dented.
  - Outside surface of the jar must be clean and free of water deposits or stickiness.
  - Recommended canning practices should be used for all exhibits.
- Check recommendations for specific head space of each food in Extension canning Publications: Canning Vegetables - Publication No. 1540 or Guide to Home Canning - Publication No. 1152. **See Page 19 for Canning Entry Form sample**

## **Drying**

- Lot 20: Dried Vegetables
- Lot 21: Dried Fruit (includes fruit leather)
- Lot 22: Meat Jerky
  - These must be exhibited in a pint or quart sized zipper sealed bag and the bag should be labeled for content and date of drying.

## **DIVISION—CENSUS PROMOTION**

- Lot 1: Poster Promoting Census 2020 **\*NEW for 2020\***
  - Half sheet of standard poster board
  - Access [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov/2020census.gov) for information
  - Poster theme should be to educate others on the importance of completing the U.S. Census.

## **POSTER GUIDELINES**

**Use the guidelines below for all posters in the 2020 fair exhibit booklet.**

- All posters must be designed on or affixed to .016 ply construction poster board (solid fiber board) of 14"x 22" dimensions.
- This is half of the standard size sheet of poster board.
- Posters may be produced by any medium--ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oil or collage -- so long as they are not 3-dimensional.
- Posters incorporating copyrighted material, like the cartoon characters in "Peanuts", will not be accepted.

## **DIVISION—SAFETY AND HEALTH**

### **Safety**

- Lot 1: First Aid Kit
  - Refer to the “First Aid Made Simple” - MO859
  - Items in kit must be current and fresh
  - No prescription drugs, needles, etc.
- Lot 2: T-Shirt Design
  - Topics for any of these lots could include, but not limited to: Boat/Water Safety, Bicycle, ATV or Auto Safety
- Lot 3: Bookmark
  - Same topics as above
  - Bookmark must be cut to actual size
- Lot 4: Poster Art — Safety Practices
  - Use 1/2 of regular size poster board
  - Household
  - Firearm
  - Farm
  - Chemical

### **ATV**

- Lot 5: ATV Safety Poster

### **Automotive**

- Lot 6: Road Emergency Equipment Kit

### **Bicycle**

- Lot 7: Repair Kit
- Lot 8: Signs of Life (Road Signs)
  - Reference: 4-H Pedal Power Notebook and the Bicyclist’s Guide—MO753
  - Driver’s License handbook and CCS Bicycle Adventures Level 1
- Lot 9: Poster Exhibit
  - Proper way to wear a safety helmet



## **Healthy Choices Promotional**

- Lot 10: T-Shirt Design
  - Theme: “4-H Inspires Vision”
  - Open theme
- Lot 11: Bookmark
- Lot 12: Poster Art
  - 1/2 of regular poster board
  - Topics include: alcohol, drugs, personal hygiene, etc.

## **DIVISION—ENVIRONMENTAL SHOP**

### **Conservation of Natural Resources**

- Lot 1: Recycled Item (related to natural resources)
  - Examples: an item made to be used for something other than its intended use or function.
  - Plastic bottle made to be used as a Feeder, CD made to be used for beverage Coaster, etc.

### **Forestry**

- Lot 2: Know Your Trees
  - Collect leaves, fruit (seeds, acorns, nuts, etc.), and a section of stem from a minimum of 25 or more of the major tree species in Mississippi.
  - A piece of poster board
  - A piece of stiff cardboard or thin plywood (1/4 inch thickness)
  - A crayon or a felt-tip marker
  - An old magazine or catalog and newspaper
  - Use Publication 1242
- Lot 3: Collecting & Identifying Tree Seeds
  - A inch piece of poster board
  - A inch piece of stiff cardboard or 1/4 -inch plywood
  - A felt-tipped marker
  - Minimum of 25 seeds
  - Use publication 1422

- Lot 4: Leaf Collection Exhibit
  - 25 different tree species (leaves) in an orderly collection mounted on Extension Leaf Mounting Cards covered with clear contact paper. Leaves must be pressed for drying before mounting.
  - 1st year (25 different tree species)
  - 2-4 years (30 different tree species)
  - 5 and over (40 different tree species)
  - Be sure to provide protection for your leaf samples during shipment to State Fair.

## **Wildlife**

- Lot 5: Birdhouse
  - Painted
  - Non-painted
- Lot 6: Duck or Squirrel Box
- Lot 7: Animal Tracks
- Lot 8: Squirrel Feeders
- Lot 9: Bird Feeders
- Lot 10: Backyard Wildlife Habitat Plan
  - Refer to Wildlife Management Book (P2402)
- Lot 11: Plant or Wildflower Collection
  - 25 different plant species in an orderly collection mounted on Extension leaf mounting cards covered with clear contact paper. Be sure to provide protection for your plant samples during shipment to fair.
    - 1st year (25 different plant species)
    - 2 - 4 years (35 different plant species)
    - 5 years + (45 different plant species)
- Lot 12: Bird Watching Journal
  - Orderly arrangement of at least 15 different bird species in a notebook. Provide photographs of all birds in the journal. Date and catalog work.
    - 1st year (15 different bird species)
    - 2 - 4 years (25 different bird species)
    - 5 years + (35 different bird species)

## **Fisheries**

- Lot 13: Tackle Box
  - A basic tackle box with monofilament line, at least 3 sizes of hooks, sinkers, floats, needle nose pliers, paper and pencil, sun-screen, bug spray, ruler, and a small first aid kit

## **DIVISION—FASHION SHOP**

Items entered must be sewn by the 4-H'er. No decorated, purchased items.

### **Clothing - Beginner's Sewing Project**

- Lot 1: Simple Item
  - a) Shirt or blouse
  - b) Skirt
  - c) Pants or Shorts
  - d) Vest
  - e) Dress
  - f) Apron
  - g) Sewn Pillow
  - h) Purse
  - i) Pillow Case
  - j) Pin Cushion
    - ***Only one choice from above (a-j) allowed***
- Lot 2: Matching top and bottom outfit
- Lot 3: Jumper

### **Sportswear**

- Lot 4: Athletic or Sports Outfit
  - Tennis, jogging, cheerleading, uniform, sweat suit, etc.
- Lot 5: Jacket

### **Casual or Formal**

- Lot 6: Dress
- Lot 7: Dress with jacket
- Lot 8: Suit (jacket with matching skirt or pants)

## **Other**

- Lot 9: Sewing Box (Juniors Only)
  - Reference: “4-H Clothing Project Manual—Publication 1302”
- Lot 10: Accessory
  - Sewn item
  - Examples: hat, belt, etc.
- Lot 11: Miscellaneous Item
  - Any non-apparel item made in Clothing Construction
  - Examples: gift bag, pillowcase, pin cushion, etc.
- Lot 12: Fabric Samples
  - 3” square, list name of fabric, uses, and care requirements
  - Minimum of 4 fabrics and construction skills
  - Examples: At least 4 skills learned with detailed, written how-to steps

## **DIVISION- CREATIVE ARTS “YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP”**

### **Home Environment - Seasonal Decorations (any holiday)**

- Lot 1: Tree skirt
- Lot 2: Door decoration or wall hanging
- Lot 3: Table arrangement
- Lot 4: Tree ornament (3)

### **Quilting**

- Lot 5: Quilted square
  - 12” x 12”
  - Padded and bound
  - Must be finished
- Lot 6: Quilted pillow

## **Textile Work**

- Lot 7: Knitted item
- Lot 8: Crocheted item
  - If a picture, must be matted or framed
- Lot 9: Crewel
  - If a picture, must be matted or framed
- Lot 10: Needlepoint
  - If a picture, must be matted or framed
- Lot 11: Thread Count
  - Included counted cross-stitch and back stitch
  - Picture framed or hanging
- Lot 12: Embroidered Item
- Lot 13: Tatting
- Lot 14: Rug
- Lot 15: Wall Hanging
- Lot 16: Weaving
  - a) Paper weaving
  - b) Fiber weaving

## Visual Arts

- Lot 17: Pottery (Ceramic or air-dried clay item)
- Lot 18: Drawing or painting (must be matted and/or framed unless otherwise noted.)
  - a) Oil (can be on stretch painting canvas)
  - b) Acrylic (can be on stretch painting canvas)
  - c) Charcoal
  - d) Water Color
  - e) Tempera
  - f) Oil Pastel
  - g) Colored Pencil
  - h) Pen or Ink
  - i) Mock Stained glass \*NEW for 2020\*
    - See video by Panola County Agent Ginger Cook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/938065429584414/videos/538629333514201>
- LOT 19: Metal Craft
- LOT 20: Mosaic
- LOT 21: Stenciling (non-clothing)
- LOT 22: Wood Crafted Item
  - Must be cut out and constructed from scratch.
  - Any wood item
- LOT 23: Sculpture
  - 12" x 12"
  - Suggested materials: clay, foam, textile, paper mache'
- LOT 24: Basket
  - Suggested materials: popsicle sticks, cane, straw, paper.
  - Must be handmade.
- Lot 25: Jewelry Accessories
  - Group of three
  - Mounted on cardboard stand
- Lot 26: Decorated Clothing Item
  - T-shirt, shoes, jackets, etc. - not accessories (i.e. purses)
- Lot 27: Interior Design Board
- Lot 28: Interior Design Notebook
  - Include a combination of 20 examples or more of the following: principles of design, types of window treatments, types of fabric, color and accessories.
- Lot 29: Interior Design Shadow Box
- Lot 30: Interior Scrapbook
  - Minimum of 5 pages.
- Lot 31: Print making (Paper or Fabric)
  - a) Linoleum Block
  - b) Wood Block
  - c) Mono
  - d) Marbling
  - e) Paste Papers
  - f) Vegetables

## **DIVISION—HORTICULTURE**

- LOT 1: Fruits *May exhibit any 2*
  - a. Apples (6)
  - b. Figs (6)
  - c. Pears (6)
  - d. Berries (Blue, Black, Straw) (12)
  
- LOT 2: Nuts *May exhibit any 2*
  - a. Black Walnuts (12)
  - b. Chestnuts (hulled-12)
  - c. Peanuts - 12
  - d. Pecans, hulled - 12
  
- LOT 3: Cole & Leafy Vegetables *May exhibit any 3*
  - a. Broccoli - head or 2 or 3 smaller heads bunched
  - b. Cabbage—1 head
  - c. Cauliflower - 1 head
  - d. Chinese Cabbage—1 head
  - e. Kohlrabi - 5 stems
  - f. Leafy Greens (collards, kale, mustards, Swiss chard, turnips, or parsley)
  - g. Lettuce (head & leaf) - 1 head or plant
  
- LOT 4: Pod Vegetables *May exhibit any 3*
  - a. Beans, Lima (bush or pole) - 12 pods
  - b. Beans, Snap (wax, bush or pole) - 12 pods
  - c. Okra - 12 pods
  - d. Peas, Southern - 12 pods
  
- LOT 5: Root Vegetables *May exhibit any 2*
  - a. Beets
  - b. Carrots
  - c. Garlic - 5 bulbs
  - d. Jerusalem Artichoke - 5 tubes
  - e. Leeks - 3 plants
  - f. Onions, Green - 6 neatly arranged specimens
  - g. Onions, dried bulbs - 5 bulbs or 1 bunch
  - h. Potato, Irish - 5 tubers
  - i. Potato, Sweet - 5 tubers
  - j. Radish - 10 roots
  - k. Rutabaga roots - 3 roots
  - l. Turnip roots – 5 roots

LOT 6: Vine Vegetables

*May exhibit any 4*

- a. Cucumber, pickling - 6 fruit
- b. Cucumber, slicing - 3 fruit
- c. Gourd - 1 large or 3 small
- d. Melon, cantaloupe (muskmelon) -1
- e. Melon, honeydew - 1 melon
- f. Melon, watermelon - 1 melon
- g. Pumpkin - 1 fruit
- h. Squash, summer, 3 fruit
- i. Squash, winter - 1 fruit
- j. Peanut (leaves removed) 3 vines

• LOT 7: Solanaceous Vegetables

*May exhibit any 3*

- a. Tomato, green - 3 fruit
- b. Tomato, ripe - 3 fruit
- c. Pepper, sweet (bell/banana/pimento) - 3 fruit
- d. Pepper, hot - 12 fruit
- e. Eggplant - 1 large or 3 small fruit
- f. Other (tomatillo/huckleberry/ husk tomato) - 3

• LOT 8: Other Vegetables

*May exhibit any 2*

- a. Herbs - 1 full plant with cleaned roots
- b. Herbs - collection of 3 different herbs, not garlic
- c. Vegetables basket - assortment - 5 specimen



## Canning Entry Exhibit Form (sample)

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate box(es):**

**Pack:**

Hot

Cold

**Processing method:**

Boiling Water Bath

Pressure Canner

**Pounds of Pressure**

5

10

15

**Length of processing time: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes**

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