DEERFIELD FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

603-463-7421

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to all in each department unless otherwise stated.
2. Online entries are preferred, but paper entries are still accepted. Online entries can be made at http://deerfieldfairnh.fairentry.com. Paper entries may be mailed to the Fair Office Manager, P.O. Box 156 Deerfield, NH 03037-0156, or can be dropped off at the Administration Building at 34 Stage Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037. Entries must be **RECEIVED** by the Deerfield Fair Association no later than **September 10, 2026**.
3. Premiums will not be paid on articles or animals removed from exhibition prior to the official closing time of the Fair, which is 7:00 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2026.
4. If entries are received in excess of accommodations available, the Association reserves the right to reject entries at its discretion.
5. The Association reserves the right to pro-rate or defer premiums if necessary.
6. Exhibitors have the right to sell their exhibits but they may not be removed during the Fair without forfeiture of premiums.
7. **Special department regulations will apply as specified at the heading of each department**.
8. The Association will employ security personnel and exercise due care, but it assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage from any cause that may occur to any animal or article on exhibition, and upon this condition only are entries received.
9. No vehicle may enter or move on the grounds after 8:00am daily or prior to the official closing time of the Fair or at any time that security deems it unsafe.
10. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds.
11. No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.
12. All animals must be vaccinated for rabies.
13. The Association assumes no responsibility for injuries caused by any animal during the Fair.
14. Decisions of the judges and/or Fair officials are final in all matters.

INFORMATION

Hay, grain and bedding are available on the grounds at current prices. No person 13 years of age or older shall be allowed to enter upon the fairgrounds without being in possession of a pass or paying the admission price. Parking will be allowed only in designated areas. Vehicles improperly parked are subject to be towed at owner's expense.

All campers must be PRE-REGISTERED for a space inside the fairgrounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.

FREE PARKING
GENERAL ADMISSION TO GROUNDS: $12.00 DAILY
CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND UNDER: FREE
SENIOR CITIZEN DAYS: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY: $9.00 (Sold at Gate *only* NOT Sold in Advance)
MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH CURRENT ID: FREE

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BUY YOUR ADVANCE TICKETS *ONLINE* OR AT THE OFFICE.
CALL THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR DETAILS AT 603-463-7421.

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Or Visit us on Facebook at *Deerfield Fair*

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AWARD FOR AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE

Criteria

1. Awards shall recognize exhibits which promote a better understanding of agricultural/rural life.
2. Awards may be given to individuals, farms, businesses or organizations.
3. Awards shall be given based upon assessment of the following:
    a. Organization and neatness;
    b. Ability to convey clear information or message;
    c. Conformity to generally accepted practices such as animal cleanliness, proper preparation of produce, adherence to state or Federal grade and quality standards, etc.;
    d. Clear identification of exhibitor - name and home town;
    e. Integration with overall goals of the individual fair;
    f. Originality.
4. Awards shall not be given to an exhibitor more than once in three years.
5. Awards shall be determined by judges appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food.

DEPARTMENT P

HOUSEHOLD

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1. Entry forms must be **RECEIVED** by the Deerfield Fair Association **ON** or **BEFORE** **September 10, 2026**, or **THEY WILL BE RETURNED**.
2. Exhibitors should be familiar with the GENERAL RULES located in the front of this section.
3. All exhibits will be accepted between 12:00 pm (noon) and 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Judging will be done on Wednesday and Thursday.
4. Exhibits MUST be picked up between 7:00pm and 8:00pm, Sunday, October 4, 2026. Claim checks must be presented to retrieve exhibits.
5. School Entries: If you are a teacher entering exhibits for students, please contact the superintendent prior to entering. Premiums will be awarded to the school, not individual students. Please fill out the School Entry Form.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LOST OR DAMAGED

CANNED GOODS (Sections 1 through 6) — Entries are judged on appearance, uniformity of product, color, texture, and fluid content. Jars are not opened. Canning jars should be used and ring cover must be on entry for exhibit. (NOTE: USDA recommends storing jars without rings.) All canned products should be properly sealed and labeled with month and year produced. All entries must be from current year's production. Jars made specifically for canning are recommended. USDA recipes are recommended. No fabric covers or ribbons should be put onto jars.

LABELING OF CANNED GOODS (Sections 1 through 6) — Product must be labeled with month and year of production on lid. Please place sticker label on front of jar with product name, section, class, and age if 14 or under. DO NOT SHOW EXHIBITOR'S NAME ON LABEL. Suggested label size is one and a half inches by two inches (1 ½" x 2"). PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

BAKED GOODS (Section 7) — Entries must be in CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS, preferably re-sealable. Plastic wrap is **NOT** acceptable. Please include recipe with baked goods for judging purposes only. Any number of items may be exhibited. HOWEVER, no more than **ONE ITEM PER CLASS** may be entered by any one exhibitor.

LABELING OF BAKED GOODS (Section 7) – Please place sticker label on outside of plastic bag with product name, section, class, and age if 12 or under. DO NOT SHOW EXHIBITOR'S NAME ON LABEL.
Suggested label size is one and a half inches by two inches (1½" x 2"). PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

ALL EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL 7:00pm, SUNDAY, September 28, 2026

SECTION 1—CANNED VEGETABLES

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Beans Green, cut	$4	$3	$2
2.	Beans Green, whole	$4	$3	$2
3.	Beans Wax, cut	$4	$3	$2
4.	Beans Wax, whole	$4	$3	$2
5.	Beets, cut	$4	$3	$2
6.	Beets, whole	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
7.	Cabbage	$4	$3	$2
8.	Carrots, cut	$4	$3	$2
9.	Carrots, whole	$4	$3	$2
10.	Cauliflower	$4	$3	$2
11.	Corn, kernels	$4	$3	$2
12.	Peas	$4	$3	$2
	Salsa, Hot Sauce, and Chili Sauce are found in Section 6			
13.	Squash, Summer	$4	$3	$2
14.	Squash, Winter (cubed)	$4	$3	$2
15.	Squash, Zucchini	$4	$3	$2
16.	Tomatoes, cold pack	$4	$3	$2
17.	Tomatoes, garden special (tomatoes, celery, onions, sweet peppers & tomato juice)	$4	$3	$2
18.	Tomatoes, juice	$4	$3	$2
19.	Tomatoes, tomato sauce	$4	$3	$2
20.	Tomatoes, soup	$4	$3	$2
21.	Tomatoes, spaghetti sauce	$4	$3	$2
22.	Tomatoes, stewed	$4	$3	$2
23.	Tomatoes, whole	$4	$3	$2
24.	Tomatoes, Zucchini-tomato combo	$4	$3	$2
25.	Other Vegetables (specify)	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 2—CANNED FRUIT

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Apples, pie	$4	$3	$2
2.	Apples, sauce	$4	$3	$2
3.	Berries (specify)	$4	$3	$2
4.	Grapes	$4	$3	$2
5.	Juices (specify)	$4	$3	$2
6.	Peaches	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
7.	Pears	$4	$3	$2
8.	Other Fruits (specify)	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 3—CONSERVES, FRUIT BUTTERS, MARMALADES, PRESERVES & CORDIALS

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Conserves (specify)	$4	$3	$2
2.	Cordials (specify)	$4	$3	$2
3.	Fruit Butters (specify)	$4	$3	$2
4.	Marmalades(specify)	$4	$3	$2
5.	Preserves, Blackberry	$4	$3	$2
6.	Preserves, Cherry	$4	$3	$2
7.	Preserves, Cranberry (sauce)	$4	$3	$2
8.	Preserves, Strawberry	$4	$3	$2
9.	Preserves, Tomato	$4	$3	$2
10.	Preserves, Others (specify)	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 4—JELLIES

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Apple	$4	$3	$2
2.	Beach Plum	$4	$3	$2
3.	Blackberry	$4	$3	$2
4.	Cider	$4	$3	$2
5.	Cherry	$4	$3	$2
6.	Crab Apple	$4	$3	$2
7.	Cranberry - Combination	$4	$3	$2
8.	Elderberry	$4	$3	$2
9.	Grape	$4	$3	$2
10.	Grape, Wild	$4	$3	$2
11.	Mint	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
12.	Pepper, Hot	$4	$3	$2
13.	Raspberry	$4	$3	$2
14.	Rose Hip	$4	$3	$2
15.	Strawberry	$4	$3	$2
16.	Other (specify)	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 5—JAMS

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Jams, Blackberry	$4	$3	$2
2.	Jams, Blueberry	$4	$3	$2
3.	Jams, Grape	$4	$3	$2
4.	Jams, Peach	$4	$3	$2
5.	Jams, Pear	$4	$3	$2
6.	Jams, Pepper	$4	$3	$2
7.	Jams, Plum	$4	$3	$2
8.	Jams, Raspberry Black	$4	$3	$2
9	Jams, Raspberry Red	$4	$3	$2
10.	Jams, Rhubarb	$4	$3	$2
11.	Jams, Rhubarb Strawberry	$4	$3	$2
12.	Jams, Rose Hip	$4	$3	$2
13.	Jams, Strawberry	$4	$3	$2
14.	Jams, Other (specify)	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 6—PICKLES AND RELISHES

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Pickles, Dilly Bean	$4	$3	$2
2.	Pickles, Beets	$4	$3	$2
3.	Pickles, Bread and Butter	$4	$3	$2
4.	Pickles, Cucumber Sweet Chips	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
5.	Pickles, Spears Dill	$4	$3	$2
6.	Pickles, Whole Dill	$4	$3	$2
7.	Pickles, Chips Dill	$4	$3	$2
8.	Pickles, Gherkins	$4	$3	$2
9.	Pickles, Mixed	$4	$3	$2
10.	Pickles, Mustard	$4	$3	$2
11.	Pickles, Onions	$4	$3	$2
12.	Pickles, Peppers	$4	$3	$2
13.	Pickles, Ripe Cucumber	$4	$3	$2
14.	Pickles, Tomato Pickles	$4	$3	$2
15.	Pickles, Watermelon Rind	$4	$3	$2
16.	Pickles, Zucchini	$4	$3	$2
17.	Pickles, other (specify)	$4	$3	$2
18.	Pickles, Catsup/Ketchup	$4	$3	$2
19.	Pickles, Chili Sauce	$4	$3	$2
20.	Relish, Christmas (onions, red & green bell peppers)	$4	$3	$2
21.	Relish, Corn	$4	$3	$2
22.	Relish, Cucumber	$4	$3	$2
23.	Relish, BBQ Sauce	$4	$3	$2
24.	Relish, Hot Dog	$4	$3	$2
25.	Relish, Hot Sauce	$4	$3	$2
26.	Relish, Kimchi	$4	$3	$2
27.	Relish, Mustard Relish	$4	$3	$2
28.	Relish, Pepper	$4	$3	$2
29.	Relish, Piccalilli (unripe green tomatoes, peppers & onions)	$4	$3	$2
30.	Relish, Salsa	$4	$3	$2
31.	Relish, Sauerkraut	$4	$3	$2
32.	Relish, Tomato	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
33.	Relish, Zucchini	$4	$3	$2
34.	Relish, Vinegar	$4	$3	$2
35.	Relish, Other (specify)	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 7—BAKED GOODS

Entries are judged on taste, texture, and appearance.

BREAD MACHINES ARE NOT PERMITTED
NO CUSTARD, PUMPKIN OR REFRIGERATED PIES

1. Baked goods are to be on an 8-inch or smaller disposable plate.
2. Cookie, doughnut, and muffin entries must contain six items.
3. Entries MUST be in CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS, preferably re-sealable. Plastic wrap is **NOT** acceptable.
4. **PLEASE SEE LABELING OF BAKED GOODS** AT BEGINNING OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS for instructions.
5. For baked goods use a disposable pan or heavy paper plates.
6. Recipe is to be made from scratch and included on a 3" x 5" card (for judges use only). Please place the recipe inside the bag underneath the pan or plate.
7. Recommended sizes: cakes, nine-inch square or loaf pan; pies, eight-inch pie plate; quick breads, small loaf pan.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Quick Breads, Applesauce	$4	$3	$2
2.	Quick Breads, Banana	$4	$3	$2
3.	Quick Breads, Cranberry	$4	$3	$2
4.	Quick Breads, Pumpkin	$4	$3	$2
5.	Quick Breads, Zucchini	$4	$3	$2
6.	Quick Breads, Other (specify) NOTE: King Arthur Contest is 4-H (See 4-H)	$4	$3	$2
7.	Sourdough Bread, Everyday	$4	$3	$2
8.	Sourdough Bread, Whole Wheat	$4	$3	$2
9.	Sourdough Bread, Other (specify)	$4	$3	$2
10.	Yeast Breads, Oatmeal	$4	$3	$2
11	Yeast Breads, White	$4	$3	$2
12.	Yeast Breads, Whole Wheat	$4	$3	$2
13.	Yeast Breads, Other (specify)	$4	$3	$2
14.	Cakes, unfrosted, Chocolate	$4	$3	$2
15.	Cakes, unfrosted, Coffeecake	$4	$3	$2
16.	Cakes, unfrosted, Fruitcake	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
17.	Cakes, unfrosted, Gingerbread	$4	$3	$2
18.	Cakes, unfrosted, White	$4	$3	$2
19.	Cakes, unfrosted, Applesauce	$4	$3	$2
20.	Cakes, unfrosted, Zucchini	$4	$3	$2
21.	Cakes, unfrosted, Carrot	$4	$3	$2
22.	Cakes, unfrosted, Whoopie Pies (6)	$4	$3	$2
23.	Cakes, unfrosted, other (specify)	$4	$3	$2
24.	Cookies, dropped, Chocolate Chip (6)	$4	$3	$2
25.	Cookies, dropped, Oatmeal (6)	$4	$3	$2
26.	Cookies, dropped, other (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
27.	Cookies, rolled, Molasses (6)	$4	$3	$2
28.	Cookies, rolled, Gingersnap (6)	$4	$3	$2
29.	Cookies, rolled, Peanut Butter (6)	$4	$3	$2
30.	Cookies, rolled, Snickerdoodles (6)	$4	$3	$2
31.	Cookies, rolled, Sugar (6)	$4	$3	$2
32.	Cookies, bar, Brownies (6)	$4	$3	$2
33.	Cookies, bar, Hermits (6)	$4	$3	$2
34.	Cookies, bar, other (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
35.	Cookies, other (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
36.	Cookies, Gluten free (6)	$4	$3	$2
37.	Doughnuts, Cake (6)	$4	$3	$2
38.	Muffins, Gluten free (6)	$4	$3	$2
39.	Muffins, Apple (6)	$4	$3	$2
40.	Muffins, Blueberry (6)	$4	$3	$2
41.	Muffins, Cornmeal (6)	$4	$3	$2
42.	Muffins, Pumpkin (6)	$4	$3	$2
43.	Muffins, English (6)	$4	$3	$2
44.	Muffins, Other (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
45.	Pies, Apple	$4	$3	$2
46.	Pies, Blueberry	$4	$3	$2
47.	Pies, Pecan	$4	$3	$2
48.	Pies, Strawberry Rhubarb	$4	$3	$2
49.	Pies, Other (specify)	$4	$3	$2
50.	Pretzels, Hard (6)	$4	$3	$2
51.	Pretzels, Soft (6)	$4	$3	$2
52.	Rolls, Other (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
53.	Scones (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
54.	Biscotti (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
55.	Biscuits (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
56.	Fudge (specify) (6 pieces or One 6” x 3” chunk)	$4	$3	$2
57.	Baklava or Paklava (specify) (6)	$4	$3	$2
58.	Other Ethnic Baked Goods Not Listed	$4	$3	$2

SECTION 8—DECORATED CAKES & ROYAL ICING DECORATED COOKIES

Entries are judged on originality, neatness, execution, and presentation.

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Decorated Cakes - CHILDREN THROUGH AGE 12 Cakes & decorations MUST be completely edible. TWO TIERS ONLY, Max 12” x 16” base.	$8	$7	$6
2.	Decorated Cakes - TEEN, AGE 13 - 19 Cakes & decorations MUST be completely edible. TWO TIERS ONLY Max 12x16” base.	$10	$9	$8
3.	Decorated Cakes - ADULT, AGE 20 AND OVER Cakes & decorations MUST be completely edible. TWO TIERS ONLY Max 12x16” base.	$20	$15	$10
4.	Advanced Cake Decoration Foreign techniques are acceptable. Tulle, dummies, wiring, etc. are permissible TWO TIERS ONLY Max 12x16” base.	$40	$30	$20
5.	Royal Icing (only) Decorated Cookies – CHILDREN THROUGH AGE 12 (6 cookies)	$8	$7	$6
6.	Royal Icing (only) Decorated Cookies – TEEN, AGE 13 - 19 (6 cookies)	$10	$9	$8
7.	Royal Icing (only) Decorated Cookies – ADULT, AGE 20 AND OVER (6 cookies)	$15	$12	$10

SECTION 9—MAPLE SYRUP

New Hampshire Producers who win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in
Section 9 are eligible to compete for the CARLISLE TROPHY
Syrup exhibits require a quantity of a Queenline #2 honey jar. All exhibits will be judged by an inspector from the Department of Agriculture. Score sheets will be given on all exhibits. All entries must be from current year's production.
Maple Cream must be in a small glass container. DO NOT LABEL.
View score sheet at end of section.

Class	Description	1st	2st	3rd	4th	5th
1.	One Quart	$30	$25	$20	$15	$10
2.	Maple Cream	$30	$25	$20	$15	$10

SECTION 10—HONEY

Extracted Honey must be in Commercial 1lb honey jars. No safety seals, please. Chunk Honey and Creamed Honey must be in either 1 pound or 2½ pound wide-mouth round or square jars.
In all classes, 3 samples must be displayed. DO NOT LABEL.
View score sheet at end of section.

Class	Description	1st	2st	3rd
1.	Creamed Honey	$20	$15	$10
2.	Extracted Honey Amber	$20	$15	$10
3.	Extracted Light Amber Honey	$20	$15	$10
4.	Extracted Dark Amber Honey	$20	$15	$10
5.	Chunk Honey	$20	$15	$10
6.	Cut Comb Honey	$20	$15	$10

SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

DEERFIELD FAIR 2026

Mail Entry Forms to: Fair Secretary, PO Box 156, Deerfield, NH 03037-0156
Or deposit in the drop-off box in front of the Administration Building.
THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEERFIELD FAIR
NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 10, 2026.**
Exhibitors should be familiar with the **GENERAL RULES** located in the front of this section,
as well as **SPECIFIC RULES** pertinent to each individual department.

DEPT.	SECTION	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Date _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Homeschool? Yes____ Student Name: _____
No ____

Street/RFD/PO Box _____

City/State _____Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I have read and agree to abide by all **RULES** and **REGULATIONS** of the Deerfield Fair Association, Inc.

_____ Date _____
(Signature of Exhibitor)

Granulated (Creamed) Honey Score Sheet

Exhibitor # _____

Category	Possible Points	Awarded Points
Container: appearance and suitability	10	
Fitness of crystals	25	
Uniformity and firmness	15	
Cleanliness and freedom from foam	20	
Flavor: a. Downgrade for objectionable flavor, heating (caramelization) b. Disqualify for fermentation	20	
Accuracy of filling: a. Headroom: ½ inch max, 3/8 inch minimum, no visible gap between honey level and cap. b. Uniformity of filling three jars	10	
Total	100	

After scoring the sample, please complete below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Liquid Honey Score Sheet

Exhibitor # _____

Category	Possible Points	Awarded Points
Appearance, suitability, and uniformity of containers	5	
Uniform and accurate volume of honey	5	
Freedom from crystals	10	
Freedom from impurities, including froth	20	
Uniform honey in all containers of the entry	5	
Color	10	
Brightness	10	
Flavor and aroma	15	
Density (No additional points below 16 percent water)	20	
Total	100	

After scoring the sample, please complete below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Maple Butter/Maple Cream Score Sheet

Exhibitor #_____

Category	Attribute	Possible Points	Awarded Points
PACKAGE			
	Attractiveness	5	
	Sanitation	5	
APPEARANCE			
	Color	5	
	No Separation	10	
	Air Bubbles	5	
TEXTURE			
	Hardness	15	
	Crystallization	15	
FLAVOR		40	
Total		100	

☐ Check if disqualified for appearance (mold, foreign matter, etc.)

☐ Check if disqualified for flavor (off-flavor: e.g. scorched, buddy, moldy, chemical taste, etc.)

Judges Comments: _____

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After scoring the sample, please complete below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

New Hampshire Maple Syrup Judging Score Sheet

SCORE _____ PLACE _____

ENTRY # _____ DATE _____

EVENT _____

DENSITY -Highest Score -30 Points

(Degrees Baume at 60 degrees F.)

36.0 to 37.0	30
35.5 to 35.9	25
37.1 to 37.5	25
37.6 and above	0
35.4 and below	*

SCORE _____

FLAVOR -Highest Score -35 Points

Judged in order of best to poorest in flavor.

. 5 to 5 points deducted from score of one preceding.

Seriously damaged flavor per NH standards *

SCORE _____

CLARITY -Highest Score -20 Points

Crystal clear and clean.

Deductions based on degree of cloudiness, presence of foreign matter, sediment, nitre, sugar crystals, etc.

Not clean *

SCORE _____

PACKAGE – Highest Score -15 Points

Attractive, clean container.

Deductions based upon degree of unattractiveness, to include stains, damaged or rusty cap, etc.

Package does not meet contest requirements — 0 points awarded.

SCORE _____

Color if applicable

TOTAL SCORE _____

Comments:

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Judge/s

_____

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Producer Name (added after final judging):

_____

*** Disqualifies Entry**