

# Open Crop Exhibits

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**Crops Judge: TBD**  
**Vegetable Judge: TBD**

**Total Premiums Offered - \$2,265.00**

## **SPECIAL RULES**

1. This department is open to everyone and entries will be accepted on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the Open Crops Building. You may enter through the BROADWAY GATE with your exhibit. Exhibits not delivered to the Superintendent by this time will be barred from competition. An entry card must be completely filled out by the exhibitor including an address.
2. **Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class and all entries must be grown in the South Plains area during the crop year.**
3. In cases where there is only one exhibitor and no competition, the judge or judges shall only award premiums in accordance with the merits of the exhibit which may be first, second, third, etc.
4. In classes of numerous entries, exhibits not placing in the top three may be disposed of at the discretion of the Superintendent for reasons of space.
5. The decision as to the proper class for a particular exhibit is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The arrangement of all exhibits will be done by the Superintendent.
6. All cotton bolls must be naturally opened in the field.
7. **No chemically treated seed will be accepted.**
8. Samples which do not meet class specifications as listed (such as size, quantity, number, etc.) will not be accepted.

## **DIVISION 1 - SOUTH PLAINS COTTON**

Premium money in **Division 1** will be: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$15.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.00

Cotton is the leading cash crop on the South Plains and the following classes are offered in recognition of and as a tribute to this outstanding plant. All entries must be of the type grown in the South Plains and the variety of cotton must be indicated on each entry card. **Leaves must be stripped from all stalks.**

Ribbons will be given through three places in all classes.

### **Class No.**

100 - Most Bolls per Plant, a stalk with the greatest number of bolls. Bolls must be 1" in diameter or larger.

101 - Best Commercially Adapted Stalk, a stalk with proper boll placement and adequate numbers that is judged as the best adapted for mechanical harvest.

102 - Best 20 Opened Bolls.

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### DIVISION 2 – GRAINS AND SEEDS

(Each sample is to be one gallon)

Premium money in Division 2 thru 9 will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> - \$6.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$5.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$4.00

Ribbons will be given through three places in all classes.

#### Class No.

200-Wheat	210-Cowpeas, Blackeye	220-Millet, Foxtail
201-Oats	211-Sudangrass	221-Millet, Floral
202-Barley	212- Sorghum, Sweet	222-Triticale
203-Peanuts Spanish, in shell	213-Grain Sorghum, Red	223-Corn, Yellow
204-Peanuts , Runners, In shell	214-Grain Sorghum, White	224-Corn, White
205-Peanuts, Valencia, In shell	215-Alfalfa	225-Popcorn
206-Peanuts, Virginia, in the shell	216-Soybeans	226-Cotton seed
207-Peanuts, any other variety , in the shell	217-Rye	227-Other Seeds & Grain
208-Fieldpeas (Austrian Winter & Alaskan Fieldpea)	218-Sunflower, Oil	
209-Cowpeas, (New Era, Chinese Red, Braham, Whipoorwill)	219-Sunflower, Non-oil	

### DIVISION 3 – SHEAF GRAINS AND SEEDS

Sheaf samples are to be at least 3 inches and not over 5 inches in diameter at center band. **For seed and grain entries please remove leaves.** For hay and forage entries do not remove leaves.

#### Class No.

300 – Wheat	307 – Clover, sweet	314 – Bermuda grass, bundle
301 – Oats	308 – Peanuts, Spanish (1 bunch)	315 – Other grass, bundle
302 – Barley	309 – Peanuts, Valencia (1 bunch)	316 – Field peas, any variety
303 – Millet, Pearl	310 – Peanuts, Runners (1 bunch)	317 – Triticale
304 – Rye	311 – Peanuts, Virginia (1 bunch)	318 – Haygrazer
305 – Sorghum, sweet	312 – Alfalfa	319 – Guar
306 – Sudangrass	313 – Soybeans	

### DIVISION 4 – GRAIN AND SORGHUM HEADS

Each exhibit is to consist of 10 mature and dry heads displayed in a box.

#### Class No.

400 – Grain Sorghum, white seed coats	402 – Grain Sorghum, yellow seed coats
401 – Grain Sorghum, red seed coats	

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**DIVISION 5 – HAY (BALED)**

Baled hay must be shown in small bales, **8x10x16**, and must be in cured marketable condition.

**Class No.**

500 – Hay, Alfalfa	505 – Hay, Soybean
501 – Hay, Sorghum	506 – Hay, Sudangrass
502 – Hay, Cowpeas	507 – Hay, Bermuda grass
503 – Hay, peanut, unthreshed	508 – Hay, grass, any other kind
504 – Hay, peanut, threshed	

**DIVISION 6 – CORN**

Ten mature dry ears must be displayed in a box.

**Class No.**

600 – Corn, white	602 – Corn, any other variety or color
601 – Corn, yellow	603 – Popcorn, any variety

**DIVISION 7 – VEGETABLES**

**Class No.**

700 – Irish Potatoes, any variety (6)	715 – Pumpkin, pie
701 – Sweet Potatoes (6)	716 – Watermelon
702 – Onions, any variety (6)	717 – Cantaloupe (3)
703 – Turnips, any variety (6)	718 – Peppers, Bell (6)
704 – Beets (6)	719 – Peppers, other variety (6)
705 – Carrots (6)	720 – Peppers, chilies any variety (6" or longer)(6)
706 – Radishes (6)	721 – Peppers, Jalapeno, red or green (6)
707 – Tomatoes, small fruited (1" or less in diameter)(6)	722 – Peppers, Pimento, red or green (6)
708 – Tomatoes, large fruited (over 1" in diameter)(6)	723 – Okra (12)
709 – Tomatoes – cherry or pear(6)	724 – Collards (3 bunches)
710 – Eggplant (3)	725 – Cucumbers, green, pickling (3)
711 – Summer Squash (3)	726 – Cucumbers, green, slicing (3)
712 – Winter Squash (1)	727 – Beans, green (12)
713 – Curshaw	728 – Beans, any variety, dry gallon
714 – Pumpkin, field	729 – Peas, green, edible, (purple hull, blackeye, crowder, cream, etc.)(12)
	730 – Any other vegetable not listed

**DIVISION 8 – FRUIT AND NUTS**

**Class No.**

800 – Apples (6)	803 – Grapes (bunch)
801 – Pears (6)	804 – Pecan Cluster
802 – Peaches (6)	

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**DIVISION 9 – MISCELLANEOUS CROPS**

**Class No.**

900 – Sunflower, oil type (3 heads)

901 – Sunflower, confectionery (3 heads)

902 – Gourds, ornamental

903 – Pumpkin, ornamental

904 – Largest or most unusual crop or vegetable – may or may not be commercial crop – may be grown for ornamental purposes

**GIANT WATERMELON & PUMPKIN CONTEST**

Entries will be entered in and subject to the same special rules of the Open Crop exhibits. If you think you have grown the largest Watermelon or Pumpkin in the Panhandle South Plains Area of Texas or Eastern New Mexico, bring it to the Fair and we will weigh it in.

**Weight minimum for the giant watermelon is 70 lbs.**

The following premiums will be paid by check for the heaviest Watermelon and Pumpkin.

**This will be a terminal show. All entries will become property of the South Plains Fair.**

**Watermelon**

1<sup>st</sup> – \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> – \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> – \$50

**Pumpkin**

1<sup>st</sup> – \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> – \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> – \$50