

2026 CULINARY, CRAFTS, AND TEXTILES DIVISION
Organized by McCracken County Cooperative Extension Service
Sponsored by Southside Kiwanis Club

1. All entries to be entered on Monday, July 27, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
2. All entries must be picked up on Sunday, August 2, 2026, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Premium money will be paid when exhibits are picked up. Premiums will be forfeited for entries not picked up by 4:00 p.m. August 2, 2026, unless other arrangements are made with the Fair Chairperson.
3. Any exhibits not picked up on Sunday, August 2, 2026, will be taken to the McCracken County Extension Office and can be picked up after 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3.
4. The judging of exhibits will be Monday, July 27, 2026. Only workers and judges will be allowed in the Culinary, Crafts and Textiles section of Floral Hall during judging.
5. Exhibits are limited to McCracken County residents or members of a McCracken County organization, ages 18 and over.
6. Any exhibitor removing their exhibit before Sunday, August 2, 2026, will forfeit their prize money.
7. All articles in Crafts & Textiles must be handmade and completed within 3 years prior to this year's Fair to be eligible for entry in this department and must be the work of the exhibitor. **No store-bought items.**
8. All exhibits must be clean, or they will not be judged.
9. All professional or foreign work will be barred in this department. One who derives a major part of their income from the type of work being exhibited by them is considered a professional in this department.
10. Judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon of such grade as the article deserves.
11. **EXHIBITORS** must determine the appropriate class for their entry at time of registration. Any article not up to standard in the class in which it is exhibited can be disqualified by the judge. Entries must remain in the category determined by the **EXHIBITOR.**
12. No exhibitor will be allowed to exhibit more than one article in any one class.
13. Family member(s) cannot enter "like" items.
14. An exhibitor winning a purple rosette in a class one year is barred from exhibiting the same article in that class the next year at the McCracken County Fair.
15. If there is more than one article in any exhibit (such as towels, table mats, etc.) they should be fastened together securely.
16. The management will not be responsible for any article exhibited but due care and diligence will be given in the handling of articles.
17. The Fair will not act as a selling agency. No articles can be shown in the department with a "For Sale" tag or contact information of the exhibitor attached. Any sales

must be between the owner and the prospective purchaser. The superintendent of the department will be glad to provide the name and address of the owner.

18. No pictures accepted unless framed and/or fixed for hanging.
19. The management will not be responsible for exhibits not picked up by 4:00 p.m. on August 2, 2026.

***** NOTE *****

There has been a SPECIAL class added to all foods and crafting classes. This class is to be used for any special needs person that would like to enter items. If you have questions concerning this class please contact the chairperson, Elaine Stevens, mesteven@comcast.net or text (270) 210-4013.

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING “OTHER” SUBCATEGORY:

If you have 2 like items for a category, we will no longer allow the 2nd item to be placed in the “Other” subcategory. If this happens the item in the “Other” subcategory will be disqualified.

For more information visit our website:
<https://mccracken.ca.uky.edu/content/mccracken-county-fair>

SAMPLE ENTRY TAG

No. 34044

Exhibitor No. Assigned on day of entry

Dept. A-7001 At the beginning of each department at the top of the page

Division CC&T

Sec. JAM Located above the numbered items. **Class** 1 Located under the Section Heading

Entry ENTER A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEM

(Paste Seal Here)

Exhibitor ENTER YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER HERE
Address YOU MAY USE RETURN ADDRESS LABELS AND ADD YOUR PHONE NUMBER.

No. 34044 **CLAIM CHECK**
Property surrendered only on return of this check.

No. 163 The Fair Pub. House, Norwalk, Ohio

DEPARTMENT A-7001 – CANNING DEPARTMENT

(UPDATED RULES – PLEASE READ BEFORE ENTERING IN THIS CATEGORY)

1. Canned foods must be in standard jars with regulation-sealed tops. **There should not be any signs of rust.**
2. **DO NOT use commercial single-use jars, such as peanut butter, pickle, or spaghetti sauce jars.**
3. **Proper head space must be used. Please see the end of this section for clarification.**
4. Canned foods should be preserved no more than 1 year prior to this year’s Fair date.
5. Dirty jars, rusty lids or unsealed jars will be disqualified.
6. Bands are to be removed from jars before entering.
7. One jar may be entered in each class.
8. Judges will not taste contents of jars.
9. Call Extension office for judging rule guidelines
10. Category and Classes are as follows: *other means an entry not listed in any Class below.

Fruits Section

Class

1. Apples
2. Applesauce
3. Peaches
4. Other*

Jam Section

Class

5. Blackberry
6. Peach
7. Strawberry
8. Other*

Jelly Section

Class

9. Apple
10. Blackberry
11. Grape
12. Strawberry
13. Other*

Pickles & Relish Section

Class

14. Bread and Butter Pickles
15. Cucumber-Dill Pickles
16. Cucumber-Sweet Pickles
17. Pepper Relish
18. Salsa
19. Sweet Relish
20. Tomato Relish
21. Other*

Preserves-Butters Section

Class

22. Apple Butter
23. Blackberry Preserves
24. Orange Marmalade
25. Peach Preserves
26. Strawberry Preserves
27. Other*

Sauces Section

Class

- 28. Bar-B-Q
- 29. Chili
- 30. Spaghetti
- 31. Other*

Vegetables Section

Class

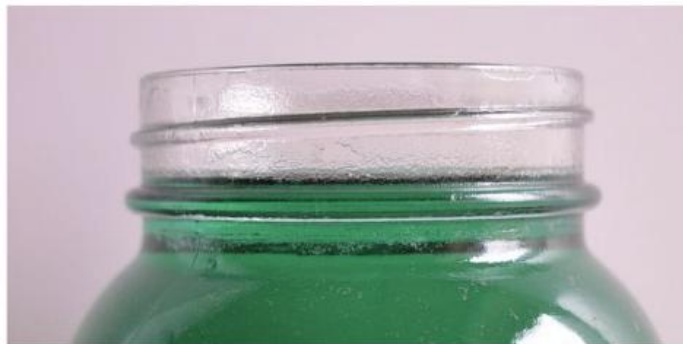
- 32. Beans-Green
- 33. Beets
- 34. Corn
- 35. Peas
- 36. Soup Mixture
- 37. Tomatoes
- 38. Tomato Juice
- 39. Other*

Canning Headspace Guidelines

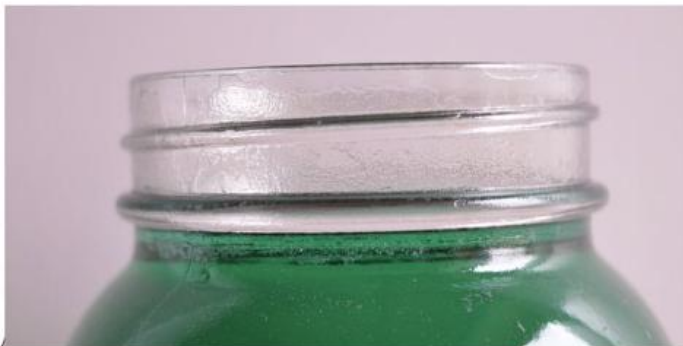
1/4 inch
Most preserves,
fruit juice,
tomatoes



1/2 inch
Fruit butter,
fruit, salsa,
vinegar pickles,
lactofermented
foods



1 inch
Low acid
pressure
canned
foods



commonsensehome.com/canning-headspace/

DEPARTMENT A-7002 – FOODS DEPARTMENT

1. All food should be placed on a disposable plate and placed in a **resealable plastic bag (Ziploc)**.

2. No cream pies will be accepted.

3. All items must be made from scratch. No commercial mixes

4. *Other means an entry not listed in any class below.

5. Categories and Classes are as follows:

Brownies Section

Class

1. Iced Brownies (plate of 4)
2. Uniced Brownies (plate of 4)
3. Other*
4. Special

Cakes Section (1/4 Cake)

Class

5. Angel Food (un-iced)
6. Coffee Cake
7. Yellow
8. Other*
9. Special

Candy Section (Plate of 4 pieces)

Class

10. Fudge
11. Other*
12. Special

Cookies Section (Plate of 4)

Class

13. Bar Cookies
14. Chocolate Chip
15. Oatmeal
16. Other*
17. Special

Pies (1/4) Section

Class

18. Chess
19. Pecan
20. Other (no cream) *
21. Special

Quick Breads Section

Class

22. Banana Bread (1/2 loaf)
23. Cornbread (plate of 4)
24. Muffins (plate of 4)
25. Other*
26. Special

Yeast Breads Section

Class

27. Yeast Rolls/Bread
(plate of 4)
28. Other*
29. Special

DEPARTMENT A-7003 – QUILT DEPARTMENT

A quilt is composed of three layers of fiber: a woven cloth top, a layer of batting or wadding, and a woven back, combined using the technique of quilting, the process of sewing the three layers together.

1. Only two people are allowed to work on each quilt entered. Group quilts will not be accepted.

2. Categories and Classes are as follows: *Other means an entry not listed in a Class below.

Hand Quilted Section

Class

1. Appliqued Quilt
2. Baby Quilt
3. Doll Quilt/Blanket
4. Hand Embroidered Quilt
5. Pieced Quilt
6. Theme Quilt
7. Other Quilt*
8. Special

Machine Quilted Section

Class

9. Appliqued Quilt
10. Baby Quilt
11. Doll Blankets
12. Hand Embroidered Quilt
13. Pieced Quilt
14. Theme Quilt
15. Other Quilt*
16. Special

Novelty Quilt Section

Class

17. Pillows
18. Placemats
19. Purses
20. Other*
21. Special

DEPARTMENT A-7004 – CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

Categories and Classes are as follows: *Other means an entry not listed below

Apparel Section

Class

1. Boys
2. Girls
3. Infants
4. Ladies
5. Men's
6. Other*
7. Special

Aprons Section

Class

8. Full
9. Skirt
10. Special

Decorated Shirts

(shirt may be store bought)

Class

11. Appliqued
12. Embroidered
13. Painted (Embellished or Jeweled)
14. Other*
15. Special

Doll Clothing

Class

16. Doll Clothing
17. Special

Jewelry

Class

18. Bracelet
19. Earrings
20. Necklace
21. Other*
22. Special

Outerwear

Class

23. Accessories
24. Cape / Poncho
25. Hats
26. Jacket
27. Other*
28. Special

Miscellaneous

Class

29. Bib
30. Burp Cloth
31. Handbag
32. Scarf
33. Shoes
34. Tote
35. Tutu
36. Wallet
37. Other*
38. Special

DEPARTMENT A-7005 – STITCHERY DEPARTMENT

Categories and Classes are as follows: *Other means an entry not listed below

Crochet Section

Class

1. Afghan/Blanket
2. Baby Set
3. Doily
4. Holiday Item
5. Scarf
6. Shawl
7. Sweater
8. Other*
9. Special

Cross-Stitch Section

(Framed or finished)

Class

10. Fabric under 12”
11. Fabric over 12”; 14 count
12. Specialty Cloth (any count)
13. Other*
14. Special

Hand Embroidery Section

Class

15. Basic Embroidery
16. Crewel Embroidery
17. Other*
18. Special

Home Accessories Section

Class

19. Pillow
20. Pillowcase
21. Placemats
22. Curtains
23. Other*
24. Special

Knitting Section

Class

25. Cape / Poncho
26. Home Accessory
27. Scarf
28. Shawl
29. Sweater
30. Other*
31. Special

Machine Embroidery Section

Class

32. Baby Items
33. Blankets
34. Holiday Items
35. Napkins
36. Pillowcase
37. Other*
38. Special

Miscellaneous Stitchery Section

Class

39. Applique (Hand)
40. Applique (Machine)
41. Beaded / Embellished
42. Blankets
43. Macrame
44. Weaving
45. Other*
46. Special

Needlepoint Section

Class

47. Plastic Canvas
48. Other*
49. Special

DEPARTMENT A-7006 CREATIVE CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

Categories and Classes are as follows: *Other means an entry not listed below.

DO NOT enter cloth baskets in the BASKETS Section. Cloth Baskets need to be entered in the Home décor section.

Baskets Section

Class

1. Cane/Reed
2. Decorated
3. Miniature (under 4")
4. Other*
5. Special

Beading

Class

6. Bead Weaving
7. Other*
8. Special

Ceramics Section

Class

9. Air Dried Clay
10. Hand Formed
11. Molded
12. Pre-made
13. Other*
14. Special

Handmade Candles Section

Class

15. Beeswax
16. Paraffin
17. Soy
18. Other*
19. Special

Door Decorations/Wall Hangings (excluding wreaths)

Class

20. Fabric
21. Tin Punch
22. Wood
23. Other*
24. Special

Decorative Paintings

Class

25. Glass
26. Gourds
27. Rocks, Slate, Shells,
Granite
28. Tin / Metal
29. Wood
30. Other*
31. Special

Drawings Section

Class

32. Pastels
33. Pencil
34. Pen and Ink
35. Other*
36. Special

Paintings

Class

- 37. Acrylic
- 38. Oil
- 39. Watercolor
- 40. Other*
- 41. Special

Paper Crafts Section

Class

- 42. Scrapbooking (2 pages)
- 43. Greeting Card
- 44. Origami
- 45. Other*
- 46. Special

Photography (Mounted and Framed)

Class

- 47. Animal
- 48. Black & White
- 49. Color
- 50. Landscape
- 51. Portrait
- 52. West Ky Landmarks
- 53. Other*
- 54. Special

Soft Sculpture Section (fabric, stuffed)

Class

- 55. Animal
- 56. Doll
- 57. Other*
- 58. Special

Table Decorations Section

Class

- 59. Floral
- 60. Other*
- 61. Special

Wooden Articles Section

Class

- 62. Accessories
- 63. Furniture
- 64. Article made from kit
- 65. Other*
- 66. Special

Wreaths

Class

- 67. Autumn (Fall)
- 68. Spring
- 69. Summer
- 70. Winter
- 71. Holiday
- 72. Other*
- 73. Special

Unusual Craft Section

Class

- 74. Computer Generated Art
- 75. Diamond Painting
- 76. Resin
- 77. Other*
- 78. Special

DEPARTMENT A-7007 – HOLIDAY CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

Categories and Classes are as follows: *Other means an entry not listed below or in the Creative Crafts Department.

Christmas Section

Class

1. Centerpiece
2. Decorated shirt
3. Ornaments (set of 3)
4. Stocking
5. Other*
6. Special

Easter Section

Class

7. Centerpiece
8. Other*
9. Special

Fourth of July

Class

- 10.Centerpiece
- 11.Other*
- 12.Special

Halloween Section

Class

- 13.Centerpiece
- 14.Other*
- 15.Special

Holiday (other than those listed)

Class

- 16.Centerpiece
- 17.Other*
- 18.Special

DEPARTMENT A-7008 – RECYCLED CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

Categories and Classes are as follows: *Other means an entry not listed below.

Must attach a before picture and a note describing current use of item and its use before altering. Item without a picture and a note attached will be disqualified.

Recycled Section

Class

1. Cloth
2. Glass
3. Metal
4. Paper
5. Plastic
6. Wood
7. Combinations of any of the above
8. Other*
9. Special