
AGRICULTURE BUILDING
(DEPARTMENTS 17-27)
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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• **Please note: Changes have been made throughout Departments 17-27 (Agriculture Building). To avoid any confusion, please review all rules and regulations. NEW for 2025: Tuesday entry time 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

• ☑ Pre-entry or advance registration is recommended. Fill out and submit the online form at ☎ www.carvercountyfair.com/exhibit or fill out the [PDF form](#) and drop off or mail to: ☎ 501 West 3rd Street, Waconia, MN 55387.

• We highly recommend anyone with 10 entries or more to pre-register. If you cannot pre-register online, fill out the [PDF form](#) and drop off or mail it to the Fair office.

• **Only one entry in a class will be permitted by an exhibitor.** In case of duplicate entries by the same exhibitor, neither exhibit will qualify for judging.

• Entries are required to be made in the owner's name only. However, entries may be brought for competition by another individual or group.

• All exhibits competing for premiums must be grown or created by the person exhibiting them.

• **The exhibits must be grown or completed in the current year with exceptions where noted behind the class name.**

• The same exhibit **may not** be entered for premiums more than 1 year; entries should be in the current year.

• Entries are required to be delivered and remain on exhibit as designated by individual departments.

• **Entries will be accepted on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

• **No late or walk-in entries will be taken after 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. All PRE-REGISTERED entry tags have until 5:00 p.m. to pick up tags and take exhibits to the correct Department.**

• Entries will be taken in the Agriculture Building.

• During drop-off times, once you have your tag, please check in with the department workers with your exhibit. They will assist with tagging your item and putting it in the designated area. We ask this to lessen confusion in each of the departments and to avoid mistakes.

• A superintendent has the authority to reject an entry based on entry requirements.

• Exhibits may not be removed until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair. If you remove your exhibit prior to this time, you forfeit your entire premium check.

• Exhibits will not be eligible for awards unless they are of good quality. No articles borrowed for competition, nor those incorrectly named, are eligible.

• Entries will be judged and awarded a place based on quality and merit. A judge may determine that an entry does not meet specific criteria and is not

required to award a placing.

• Judges' decisions are final.

• Buildings are closed to the exhibitors and the general public during judging. An exhibitor is not allowed to discuss or influence a judge's decision. The entry will be disqualified if this occurs.

• Participation ribbons will be awarded to all youth/child classes, 65 years & over classes, and health care classes.

• The same photograph cannot be used in multiple divisions/classes.

• All photographs need to be framed and ready to hang including a label with name, address and phone number on the back.

• No solicitation of a sale of the entered item may occur.

• The department will make every effort to assure the safety of all articles after arrival and placement, but in **no event will the department be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.**

• **Please note: when picking up your exhibit, you must go through the Department staff to get your item(s). Do not go into any of the showcases on your own. This is to protect exhibits from accidental breakage and to correctly identify the items.**

• **Please note:** when picking up your exhibit, please have your claim ticket or photo ID with you to ensure the right exhibit goes to the correct exhibitor.

• **Exhibits not removed Sunday evening (8 to 9:30 p.m.) can be picked up Monday from 9 a.m. to noon. Any exhibits not removed by noon on Monday will be property of the Carver County Fair.**

• Premium checks will be available Sunday evening after 8:00 p.m. in the respective buildings/barns and will have a 30-day validation date. Please bring a photo ID or your claim ticket. If check is not picked up Sunday evening, it will be mailed to you.

DEPARTMENT 21: BAKING

Judging: Tuesday, 6:45 p.m. & Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.,
Agriculture Building

• **Attention Exhibitors: Please review all general guidelines for Departments 17-27 at the beginning of this document.**

• Small plates preferred for displaying your exhibit.

• Articles for collection or display cannot be entered in individual classes.

• **All baking items will be disposed of the last night of the fair (food safety).**

Division A: Yeast Breads

One small loaf, must be from scratch, no mixes.

Class 1: Multi-grain

Class 2: Raisin

Class 3: Rye

Class 4: White

Class 5: Whole wheat

Class 6: Any other yeast bread not listed

Class 7: 🏆 Champion Yeast Bread

Class 8: 🏆 Reserve Champion Yeast Bread

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division B: Specialty Bread

One small loaf, must be from scratch, no mixes.

- Class 1: Christmas
 - Class 2: Herb
 - Class 3: Focaccia
 - Class 4: French
 - Class 5: Sour dough
 - Class 6: Any other specialty bread not listed
 - Class 7: 🏆 Champion Specialty Bread
 - Class 8: 🏆 Reserve Champion Specialty Bread
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division C: Rolls

4 rolls on a plate. No mixes.

- Class 1: Caramel
 - Class 2: Cinnamon
 - Class 3: Clover leaf rolls
 - Class 4: Crescent rolls
 - Class 5: Kringle
 - Class 6: Tea ring
 - Class 7: Any other roll not listed
 - Class 8: 🏆 Champion Roll
 - Class 9: 🏆 Reserve Champion Roll
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division D: Bread Machine

Small loaf or ¼ loaf. No mixes.

- Class 1: Multi-grain
 - Class 2: Oatmeal
 - Class 3: Raisin
 - Class 4: Rye
 - Class 5: White
 - Class 6: Whole Wheat
 - Class 7: Any other bread not listed
 - Class 8: 🏆 Champion Machine Bread
 - Class 9: 🏆 Reserve Champion Machine Bread
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division E: Junior Yeast Bread (Ages 17 & under)

½ loaf or small loaf only. No mixes.

- Class 1: Bread, rye, 1 small loaf
 - Class 2: Bread sticks (4)
 - Class 3: Bread, white, 1 small loaf
 - Class 4: Bread, whole wheat, 1 small loaf
 - Class 5: Caramel rolls (4)
 - Class 6: Cinnamon rolls (4)
 - Class 7: Coffee cake, 1 small loaf
 - Class 8: Dinner rolls (4)
 - Class 9: Focaccia bread
 - Class 10: Yeast bread from scratch, any other not listed
 - Class 11: 🏆 Champion Junior Bread
 - Class 12: 🏆 Reserve Champion Junior Bread
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00; 4th: \$1.00; 5th: \$1.00; 6th: \$1.00

Division F: Junior Machine Bread (Ages 17 & under)

½ loaf only. No mixes.

- Class 1: Herb
 - Class 2: Raisin
 - Class 3: Rye
 - Class 4: White
 - Class 5: Whole Wheat
 - Class 6: Any other bread not listed
 - Class 7: 🏆 Champion Junior Bread Machine
 - Class 8: 🏆 Reserve Champion Junior Bread Machine
- 📋 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00; 4th: \$1.00; 5th: \$1.00; 6th: \$1.00

Division G: Quick Breads

½ loaf or small loaf only. No mixes.

- Class 1: Baking powder biscuits (4)
- Class 2: Banana bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 3: Corn bread, 1 small loaf

Quick Bread Contest

📍 Agriculture Building

📅 Saturday, August 9

🕒 Entry Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

🕒 Judging: 12:45 p.m.

🕒 Pick up quick bread: 1:45 p.m.

Small loaf or ½ regular loaf per division on a paper plate. Recipe with exhibitor's name (and age if 17 & under) on back of the recipe. Limit one entry per category per exhibitor.

Category A: Quick Bread (Adults 18 & over)

Category B: Quick Bread (Youth 17 & under)

📋 Prizes: 1st: \$10.00; 2nd: \$8.00; 3rd: \$6.00

Quick Bread Guidelines:

🚫 No mixes

- Each entry should consist of one small loaf or ½ regular loaf on a small paper plate, covered by clear plastic or clear plastic bag.

- Entries to be judged on appearance and taste by a panel of judges.
- Contest open to any amateur baker, male or female, or senior citizen.
- Limit of one entry per exhibitor per category.
- Entries to be entered and in place in the Agriculture Building.
- Prizes will be awarded at the completion of judging.

Recipe Rules:

- Submit recipe, neatly typed or printed, on a card or paper, one side only.
- Name of recipe first.
- List all ingredients in specific amounts.
- Give method, including bowl/pan size, oven temperature, and baking time.
- Include name, address, and daytime phone number.
- Bring copy of recipe along with the entry.

- Class 4: Crackers
- Class 5: Cranberry bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 6: Creative ways with a box mix (recipe required)
- Class 7: Creative ways with frozen bread, 1 small loaf or 4 rolls, or coffee cake
- Class 8: Date bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 9: Ginger bread, 4" square
- Class 10: Muffins, any other, (4)
- Class 11: Muffins, banana, (4)
- Class 12: Muffins, blueberry, (4)
- Class 13: Muffins, corn (4)
- Class 14: Muffins, plain (4)
- Class 15: Poppy seed bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 16: Pumpkin bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 17: Rhubarb bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 18: Scones (4)
- Class 19: Zucchini bread, 1 small loaf
- Class 20: Any other quick bread not listed above
- Class 21: 🏆 Champion Quick Bread
- Class 22: 🏆 Reserve Champion Quick Bread
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division H: Egg Cakes

Bring 4" square corner in a plastic bag

🚫 No package mixes

- Class 1: Angel Food White
- Class 2: Angel Food Chocolate
- Class 3: Chiffon Cake
- Class 4: Chocolate Chiffon
- Class 5: Jelly Roll
- Class 6: Sponge Sunshine
- Class 7: 🏆 Champion Egg Cake
- Class 8: 🏆 Reserve Champion Egg Cake
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division I: Cakes

All cakes must be unfrosted, 4" square/wedge

🚫 No package mixes

- Class 1: Apple
- Class 2: Banana
- Class 3: Bundt
- Class 4: Carrot
- Class 5: Coffee Cake
- Class 6: Cupcakes (4)
- Class 7: Chocolate
- Class 8: Fruit
- Class 9: Marble
- Class 10: Spice
- Class 11: Tricks with a mix
- Class 12: White
- Class 13: Yellow
- Class 14: Zucchini
- Class 15: Any other cake not listed
- Class 16: 🏆 Champion Cake
- Class 17: 🏆 Reserve Champion Cake
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division J: Pies

Only small pies up to 6" in diameter will be accepted. No cut pies will be accepted.

- Class 1: Apple
- Class 2: Banana Cream
- Class 3: Blueberry

Plate of Bars Contest

- 📍 Agriculture Building
- 📅 Thursday, August 7
- 🕒 Entry Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 🕒 Judging: 12:45 p.m.
- 🕒 Pick up bars: 1:45 p.m.

4 bars per category on a small paper plate. Recipe with exhibitor's name (and age if 17 & under) on back of the recipe. Limit one entry per category per exhibitor. If you have frosted bars, please add toothpicks to keep plastic off the bars for judging.

- Category A:** Baked Bars (Adults 18 & over)
- Category B:** Unbaked Bars (Adults 18 & over)
- Category C:** Baked Bars (Youth 17 & under)
- Category D:** Unbaked Bars (Youth 17 & under)
- 🏆 Prizes: 1st: \$10.00; 2nd: \$8.00; 3rd: \$6.00

Baked and/or Non-baked Bar Guidelines:

🚫 No mixes

- Each entry should consist of 4 bars (approx. 1½"×2½" each) on a small paper plate, covered by clear plastic or clear plastic bag.
- Entries to be judged on appearance and taste by a panel of judges.
- Contest open to any amateur baker, male or female, or senior citizen.
- Limit of one entry per exhibitor per category.
- Entries to be entered and in place in the Agriculture Building.
- Prizes will be awarded at the completion of judging.

Recipe Rules:

- Submit recipe, neatly typed or printed, on a card or paper, one side only.
- Name of recipe first.
- List all ingredients in specific amounts.
- Give method, including bowl/pan size, oven temperature, and baking time.
- Include name, address, and daytime phone number.
- Bring copy of recipe along with the entry.

- Class 4: Cherry
- Class 5: Chocolate Cream
- Class 6: Coconut Meringue
- Class 7: Peach
- Class 8: Pear
- Class 9: Pecan
- Class 10: Raisin
- Class 11: Rhubarb
- Class 12: Any other pie not listed above (please label variety)
- Class 13: 🏆 Champion Pie
- Class 14: 🏆 Reserve Champion Pie
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Cookie Jar Contest

📍 Agriculture Building

📅 Friday, August 8

🕒 Entry Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

🕒 Judging: 12:45 p.m.

🕒 Pick up cookies: 1:45 p.m.

Bring 12 homemade cookies in a quart jar. Recipe with exhibitor's name (and age if 17 & under) on back of the recipe. Limit one entry per category per exhibitor.

Category A: Adults 18 & over

Category B: Youth 17 & under

🏆 Prizes: 1st: \$10.00; 2nd: \$8.00; 3rd: \$6.00

Cookie Guidelines:

🚫 No mixes

- Each entry should consist of 12 cookies in a clear quart jar with lid.
- Entries to be judged on appearance and taste by a panel of judges.

- Contest open to any amateur baker, male or female, or senior citizen.
- Limit of one entry per exhibitor per category.
- Entries to be entered and in place in the Agriculture Building.
- Prizes will be awarded at the completion of judging.

Recipe Rules:

- Submit recipe, neatly typed or printed, on a card or paper, one side only.
- Name of recipe first.
- List all ingredients in specific amounts.
- Give method, including bowl/pan size, oven temperature, and baking time.
- Include name, address, and daytime phone number.
- Bring copy of recipe along with the entry.

Division K: Bars

4 bars on a plate, covered with a plastic bag.

No package mix will be accepted.

No frosted bars.

No cream or cooked filling.

Class 1: Apple

Class 2: Assorted: 4 different varieties

Class 3: Banana

Class 4: Brownies with caramel

Class 5: Brownies, plain

Class 6: Brownies with additions

Class 7: Carrot

Class 8: Coconut

Class 9: Chocolate chip

Class 10: Date

Class 11: Lemon

Class 12: Peanut butter

Class 13: Pumpkin

Class 14: Raisin

Class 15: Seven layer

Class 16: Unbaked

Class 17: Any other bar not listed

Class 18: 🏆 Champion Bar

Class 19: 🏆 Reserve Champion Bar

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division L: Cookies

4 cookies on a plate, covered with a plastic bag.

🚫 No frosted cookies.

🚫 No cream-filled cookies.

🚫 No mixes.

Class 1: Chocolate chip

Class 2: Chocolate drop

Class 3: Dark sugar

Class 4: Drop

Class 5: Filled

Class 6: Ginger/molasses

Class 7: Ice box

Class 8: Oatmeal raisin

Class 9: Peanut butter

Class 10: Snickerdoodle

Class 11: Spritz/pressed

Class 12: Sugar

Class 13: Any other cookie not listed

Class 14: 🏆 Champion Cookie

Class 15: 🏆 Reserve Champion Cookie

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division M: Junior Baking (Ages 17 & under)

No meringues.

Class 1: Bars (4)

Class 2: Brownies (4)

Class 3: Cake (4" square/wedge)

Class 4: Candy (4)

Class 5: Cookies, all others (4)

Class 6: Cookies, chocolate chip (4)

Class 7: Cookies, peanut butter (4)

Class 8: Decorated cake (1)

Class 9: Decorated cookies (4)

Class 10: Decorated cupcakes (4)

Class 11: Loaf bread, 1 small loaf

Class 12: Muffins (4)

Class 13: Quick bread, 1 small loaf

Class 14: Trail mix, pint bag

Class 15: Any other not listed

Class 16: 🏆 Champion Junior Baking

Class 17: 🏆 Reserve Champion Junior Baking

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00;
4th: \$1.00; 5th: \$1.00; 6th: \$1.00

Division N: Decorated Goodies

Decorated cakes, cupcakes, cookies will not be cut.

Decorations only are judged. Use a "Dummy" cake. No tier cakes accepted. No item taller than 7" in height including plate or stand will be accepted.

- Class 1: Any other birthday cake
 - Class 2: Cake, any other holiday or celebration
 - Class 3: Child's birthday cake
 - Class 4: Cupcakes (4)
 - Class 5: Cookies, 4 on a tray
 - Class 6: Display of Christmas treats, on a tray:
4 varieties
 - Class 7: Wedding Cake
 - Class 8: 🏆 Champion Decorated Goodies
 - Class 9: 🏆 Reserve Champion Decorated Goodies
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$4.00; 3rd: \$3.00

Division O: Candies

- Class 1: Caramels, 6 pieces
 - Class 2: English Toffee, 6 pieces
 - Class 3: Fudge, 6 pieces
 - Class 4: Mints, pressed, 6 pieces
 - Class 5: Peanut Brittle, 6 pieces
 - Class 6: Penuche, 6 pieces
 - Class 7: Any other candy not listed above, 6 pieces
 - Class 8: 🏆 Champion Candy
 - Class 9: 🏆 Reserve Champion Candy
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division P: Gluten Free

Following the same requirements under the above divisions per item.

- Class 1: Bread/Rolls (small loaf or 4 rolls)
 - Class 2: Cake (unfrosted 4" square)
 - Class 3: Pies (small 4" pie / no cream pies)
 - Class 4: Bars (4 on a plate)
 - Class 5: Cookies (4 on a plate)
 - Class 6: Any other not listed above
 - Class 7: 🏆 Champion Gluten Free
 - Class 8: 🏆 Reserve Champion Gluten Free
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.00; 3rd: \$2.00

Division Q: International Foods

Serving unit of your choice.

- Class 1: German
 - Class 2: Italian
 - Class 3: Scandinavian
 - Class 4: Any other not listed
 - Class 5: 🏆 Champion International Foods
 - Class 6: 🏆 Reserve Champion International Foods
- 🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$3.00; 2nd: \$2.00; 3rd: \$1.00