

4-H & FFA

ONLINE ENTRY DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00

ENTRY FEES

No Entry Fees, No Cash Awards

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Monterey Room

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ENTRY:** Enter online **ONLY** at www.montereycountyfair.com
- Livestock Exhibitors** at this Fair must enter at least one (1) still exhibit for display in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information, Rule 4.
- All FFA and 4-H entries must have been made, collected, grown, or prepared in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of that program and entered by exhibitors who were enrolled in those projects in within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
- LIMIT:** Eight (8) ITEMS per EXHIBITOR per DIVISION, unless indicated otherwise and excluding Posters (Rule 5).
- POSTERS:** Limit one poster per exhibitor. Considering educational displays, posters must provide educational value. .
- LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in exhibiting work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Entry submission implies acceptance of all conditions in Local and State rules.
- JUDGING:** All entries will be judged as **Individual Entries**.
- All entries are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and must be entered online by the exhibitor. No chapter/club bulk entries will be accepted.**
- The Danish System of Judging will be used for 4-H/FFA displays. Danish Judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. Each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In all Departments using the Danish System, the following guidelines shall be used:

Quality	Score	Ribbon
1 st Group	92%-100 Superior	Blue
2 nd Group	84%-91% Good	Red
3 rd Group	70%-83% Average	White

FFA ENTRIES

AG MECHANICS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. FFA students entering exhibits in Agricultural Mechanics must be regularly enrolled in a high school that is following the California State Plan for vocational agriculture.
2. Although the exhibits need not be owned by the exhibitor, all must be the products of students as a regular part of their instructions in Agricultural Mechanics for the past year. Student exhibitors must have been at least a major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year.
3. An exhibitor may not enter more than one article from the same pattern.
4. These Divisions are for Farm Equipment. Decorative welded items may be entered in Creative Welding. Non-farm-related woodworking items should be entered in Woodworking.
5. **All entries are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and must be entered online by the exhibitor. No chapter/club bulk entries will be accepted.**

DIVISION 700 FFA BASIC WELDING

CLASS:

- 1) Acetylene
- 2) Arc
- 3) Braze
- 4) Mig
- 5) Tig

DIVISION 701 FFA AG EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTED

CLASS:

- 1) Electrical, Any Item, please specify
- 2) Plumbing, Any Item, please specify
- 3) Welding and Forging, Any Item, please specify
- 4) Woodworking, Any Item, please specify
- 5) Any Other, please specify

AG SCIENCES

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits in this division must have been produced by the exhibitor as an integral part of their agricultural education supervised project and/or agriculture science class instructions.
2. Exhibits must be adequately titled and specimens correctly labeled with common and genus species name, where applicable.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per class. The second entry cannot be of same design and/or near identical specimen content.
4. Where applicable, the exhibitor shall be responsible for the care of entries in this division.
5. Where applicable, quarantined or restricted specimens must be approved by the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner prior to entry.

DIVISION 702 FFA AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

CLASS:

- 1) Seed Collection:
Specimens of at least 10 different seeds of suitable quantity for identification. Specimens shall be labeled with a common name.
- 2) Insect Collection:
Specimens of at least 10 insects of any insect order; or at least 6 harmful and/or beneficial insects common to agricultural crops or products; or a combination of any insect orders, harmful insects, and beneficial insects totaling at least 12 specimens. Insect mounting and display shall be by acceptable entomology practices. Harmful or beneficial specimen collections shall include a brief description of benefit or harm done (feeding habits), harmful growth stage, control measures, or other special traits. Quarantined or harmful insects not common to Monterey County cannot be exhibited.
- 3) Any Other Subject:
Related to crop science, horticulture, agriculture mechanization, agribusiness, forestry, or natural resources that is not covered elsewhere in this department. Parts labeling and descriptive steps/stages shall be completed where applicable.

FLORAL

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Small valuable figurines and accessories should not be used in arrangements.
2. The owner's name on the bottom of the container is recommended. The attendant in charge will take every possible precaution but will not be responsible for loss or breakage.
3. Presentation boxes are strongly encouraged/recommended for all corsages and boutonnieres.

DIVISION 703 FFA DRY ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS:

- 1) Fair Theme
- 2) Corsage or Boutonniere
- 3) Any Other, please specify

HORTICULTURE

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE MARKET QUALITY AND CONDITION. The quality in horticultural product exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market. Exhibits stressing features which detract from the commercial value should be avoided.
2. Exhibits in FFA Horticulture must have been grown by the exhibitors as an integral part of their agricultural education supervised project and/or horticulture class instruction.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own plants while they are being exhibited.
4. All plants must have been propagated, grown and/or raised by the exhibitor for at least 40 days.
5. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with plants common and/or genus species name.
EXCEPTION: Entries using three or more plant species in a single container.
6. All plants must be planted in suitable containers, as specified in each class. All plants must be established in containers for at least 30 days prior to Fair.

7. All containers are to be clean or wrapped in decorative foil prior to entry receiving. Metal nursery cans are to be painted or tarred.
8. Hanging basket displays are not permitted.
9. Diseased or insect infested exhibits will be disqualified and removed from the exhibit area.
10. The plant name is to be entered in the online entry.
EXCEPTION: Entries of three or more different plants in a single container should state "multiple varieties" on entry.

DIVISION 705 FFA HORTICULTURE

CLASS:

- 1) Dish Garden:
(Cacti, succulent, or a combination) Three or more plant species or variety in a single container, decorative accessories permitted, please specify type of garden
- 2) Succulents:
(Including Zygodactyl and other than cacti types) Single plant in a clay or plastic container, please specify

WOODWORKING & CREATIVE WELDING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. FFA members entering exhibits in this Department must be enrolled in a woodworking, welding, or construction class.
2. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. Display cards may be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, if so desired.

DIVISION 706 FFA WOODWORKING

DIVISION 707 FFA CREATIVE WELDING

CLASS:

- 1) Furniture, please specify
- 2) Lighting, please specify
- 3) Decorative Display, please specify
- 4) Household Item, please specify
- 5) Other, please specify

4-H ENTRIES

PRIMARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H youth participate as Primary Members upon entering kindergarten and continue through the completion of third grade (State Rule VII Junior Department, 2).
2. Any project created while a youth was enrolled as a Primary Member or Clover Bud must be entered in Division 708.
3. No competitive judging. participation ribbons may be presented.

DIVISION 708 4-H PRIMARY PROJECT

CLASS:

- 1) Home Arts/Arts & Crafts
- 2) Food Preservation, please specify
- 3) Foods (see requirements under 4-H Foods)
- 4) Any Other Project, please specify

FOODS & NUTRITION

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Foods that need refrigeration may not be entered.
2. QUANTITIES:
 - a. Biscuits, Cupcakes, Muffins - 1/2 dozen, large or small
 - b. Bread - 1/2 loaf plus 1 slice, any size pan
 - c. Cakes - 1/2 cake plus one slice (not cut off), wrapped well
 - d. Candy - 1/2 dozen pieces (any other)
 - e. Cookies - 1/2 dozen
 - f. Brownies or Bar Cookies- 1/2 dozen
3. Unless otherwise indicated, all items must be made from scratch.
4. All baked goods and confections must be submitted on/in disposable plates or pans and well wrapped. THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Special plates or presentation trays do not affect the scoring.

DIVISION 709 4-H JUNIOR FOODS

DIVISION 710 4-H INTERMEDIATE FOODS

DIVISION 711 4-H SENIOR FOODS

CLASS:

- 1) Biscuits, Rolls, Bread, Muffins
- 2) Cake or Cupcakes
- 3) Candy
- 4) Cookies
- 5) Brownies or Bar Cookies
- 6) Non-food Item

FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in these divisions must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of opening date of the Fair. Items which have been shown at any previous Fairs are not eligible.
2. Low-acid fruits should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
3. Tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in boiling water bath.
4. Dried products should be wrapped in clear plastic or sealed in jars.
5. All food preservation, packaging, and labeling must be done in accordance with directions and recipes in publications listed in the 4-H Food Preservation Project Outline.
6. EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED with type of product, dates of canning, and method used.
7. Use clear glass containers, wide or narrow mouth jars. One standard canning jar, any size. STANDARD JAR: a container specifically designed for home canning purposes. No paraffin seals.
8. All canning must be in sealed jars. New screw rings MUST be used.
9. Submit one standard jar, container, or package per entry.

DIVISION 712 4-H JUNIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 713 4-H INTER. FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 714 4-H SENIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

CLASS:

- 1) Canned Fruit or Vegetable, please specify
- 2) Dried Fruit Leather, please specify
- 3) Dried Fruit or Vegetable, please specify
- 4) Jam, Jelly or Preserves, please specify
- 5) Jerky
- 6) Any Other, please specify

ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in this division must be the result of skills taught by a 4-H Project Leader. School-led or instructed projects should be entered in the appropriate Junior Home Arts division.
2. Crafts include projects such as macramé, stenciling, faux finishes, mosaics, plastic and wood models, and exhibits in weaving, spinning and dyeing of wool, needlepoint, and decorated textiles. DIY and Up-cycled projects may be included in this category.
3. Fine Arts include drawings, sketches and paintings. Two dimensional Fine Arts must be matted and/or framed.
4. Handcrafted Ceramics entries must be made from clay and formed or molded by the exhibitor. Pre-made ceramic items that are simply painted by an exhibitor should be entered in the Crafts Class.
5. Exhibitors entering items that are pre-cut or pre-stamped MUST attach a note stating which portion of the item the exhibitor completed. Exhibitors

- should select articles to complete within their ability and will be judged on the neatness and the artistry of the exhibit.
6. All pictures and plaques should be suitable for tabletop display.

DIVISION 715 4-H JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 716 4-H INTERMEDIATE ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 717 4-H SENIOR ARTS & CRAFTS

CLASS:

- 1) Crafts, specify
- 2) Fine Art, specify
- 3) Handcrafted Ceramic, please specify
- 4) Leather Working
- 5) Home Furnishing or Accessory, please specify
- 6) Up-cycled Item, please specify
- 7) Any Other, please specify

SEWING & QUILTING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Online entries must specify item.
2. All items are to be clean and pressed.
3. An exhibit may consist of an individual item or a coordinated outfit of three to five garments.
4. Decorated or dyed textiles should be entered as Crafts.
5. Quilts may be machine or hand quilted.
6. All quilting must be done by exhibitor (no hired out long arm quilting allowed).
7. "No Sew" items should be entered as Arts and Crafts.

DIVISION 718 4-H JUNIOR SEWING

DIVISION 719 4-H INTERMEDIATE SEWING

DIVISION 720 4-H SENIOR SEWING

CLASS:

- 1) Single Article of Clothing
- 2) Home Decor Item, please specify
- 3) Quilt, specify size
- 4) Any Other Sewn or Quilted Item, please specify

PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. LIMIT: Two entries per exhibitor per class.
2. All prints must be PROPERLY matted on photo matboard or poster board with freestanding backing. (Professional mounting is suggested.)
3. Photos may be submitted in a frame that makes them suitable for freestanding tabletop display.
4. Entries must be properly labeled with name, Division, and Class on back upper left corner.

DIVISION 721 4-H JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 722 4-H INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 723 4-H SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS:

- 1) Black & White Print – one 8"x10" photo
- 2) Color Print – one 8"x10" photo
- 3) Framed Set of Prints: All images in a set must be of the same subject or an alike series; combination of images should tell one story. Frame should be freestanding – display of wall hangings may not be possible.

- 4) Modified or Enhanced Photo Image, please specify modification on online entry (example: hand-colored; overlay process; use of filters)

FLORAL

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Small valuable figurines and accessories should not be used.
2. Owner's name on container bottom is recommended.
3. Presentation boxes are strongly encouraged/recommended for all corsages and boutonnieres.

DIVISION 724 4-H DRY ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS:

- 1) Fair Theme
- 2) Corsage or Boutonniere
- 3) Any Other, please specify

HORTICULTURE

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits in 4-H Horticulture must have been grown by the exhibitors as an integral part of their Horticulture project.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own plants while they are being exhibited.
3. All plants must have been propagated, grown and/or raised by the exhibitor for at least 40 days.
4. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with plants common and/or genus species name. EXCEPTION: Terrariums, dish gardens and exhibits using three or more plant species in a single container.
5. All plants must be planted in suitable standard containers, as specified in each class. All plants must be established in containers for at least 30 days prior to Fair. Plants grown in flats must be established for at least 2 weeks prior to the Fair.
6. All containers are to be clean or wrapped in decorative foil prior to entry receiving. Metal cans are to be painted or tarred.
7. Hanging basket displays are not permitted.
8. All exhibits must be of market quality and condition.
9. Diseased or insect infested exhibits will be disqualified and removed from exhibit area.
10. The plant name is to be entered in online entry form. EXCEPTION: Entries with three or more different plants in a single container should state "multiple varieties" on entry.

DIVISION 726 4-H HORTICULTURE

CLASS:

- 1) Cacti, Single Plant, in clay or plastic container
- 2) Dish Garden (cacti, succulent, or a combination), three or more plant species or variety in a single container, accessories permitted, please specify type of garden
- 3) Succulents (including Zygocacti and other than cacti types), single plant in a clay or plastic container, please specify

AG MECHANICS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H members entering exhibits in Agricultural Mechanics must be enrolled in a welding vocational agriculture project.
2. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. Display cards may be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, if desired.
3. The following Divisions are for Farm Equipment only. Decorative welded items may be entered in the Creative Welding Division. Non-farm-related woodworking items should be entered into the Woodworking Division.

DIVISION 727 4-H BASIC WELDING

CLASS:

- 1) Acetylene
- 2) Arc
- 3) Braze
- 4) Mig
- 5) Tig

DIVISION 728 4-H AG EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTED

CLASS:

- 1) Electrical, Any Item, please specify
- 2) Plumbing, Any Item, please specify
- 3) Welding and Forging, Any Item, please specify
- 4) Woodworking, Any Item, please specify
- 5) Any Other, please specify

WOODWORKING & CREATIVE WELDING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H members entering exhibits in these Divisions must be enrolled in a woodworking, welding, or construction project.
2. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. Display cards may be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, if so desired.

DIVISION 729 4-H JUNIOR WOOD & METAL

DIVISION 730 4-H INTERMEDIATE WOOD & METAL

DIVISION 731 4-H SENIOR WOOD & METAL

CLASS:

- 1) Furniture, please specify
- 2) Lighting, please specify
- 3) Household Item, please specify
- 4) Decorative Display, please specify
- 5) Other, please specify

MISCELLANEOUS 4-H PROJECTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. These Divisions are set up for new 4-H projects or those not provided for in other Divisions. Entries must have been made in connection with a recognized 4-H project.
2. All entries in these Divisions must be non-perishable.
3. THIS ENTRY CAN BE A POSTER. MAXIMUM SIZE OF 20"X30" or 22"x28". LIMIT one poster per exhibitor.

DIVISION 732 4-H JUNIOR MISC.

DIVISION 733 4-H INTERMEDIATE MISC.

DIVISION 734 4-H SENIOR MISCELLANEOUS

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Educational Poster, Any Learning Experience
- 2) Agricultural Science
- 3) Shooting Sports
- 4) Any Other 4-H Project Not Included, please specify

OUTSTANDING 4-H AND FFA EXHIBITOR SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

The Monterey County Fair is proud to recognize exceptional participation and achievement in the Stills Department through the **Outstanding Exhibitor Sweepstakes Awards**. These awards recognize exhibitors who demonstrate outstanding effort, skill, and participation across multiple still exhibit divisions.

Two sweepstakes awards will be presented annually during the fair's exhibitor awards breakfast. These awards will be buckles:

- **Outstanding 4-H Stills Exhibitor**
- **Outstanding FFA Stills Exhibitor**

These awards recognize exhibitors who enter numerous projects and consistently achieve high placings throughout the department.

JUDGING METHOD

The award will be determined using a **sweepstakes point system** based on official judging results.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points
Best of Show	10
First Place	5
Second Place	3
Third Place	1

- **Only official judge placings within the 4-H and FFA section of the Stills Department will count toward the point total.**
- **If an exhibitor receives multiple awards on a single entry (for example Best of Show and First Place), only the highest point value will be counted.**

MULTIPLE DEPARTMENT ENTRIES

Exhibitors may enter both the **4-H and FFA Stills Departments** if they are eligible in each program.

- **Entries exhibited in the 4-H and FFA Stills Department will count only toward the 4-H and FFA point totals for the Outstanding 4-H and FFA Stills Exhibitor award.**
- **Points will not be combined between the two departments.**

DETERMINATION OF WINNER

Points will be totaled for all qualifying entries submitted by the exhibitor. The exhibitor with the **highest total point accumulation** will be named **Outstanding 4-H or FFA Stills Exhibitor**.

TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie:

1. The exhibitor with the **most Best of Show awards** will be declared the winner.
2. If still tied, the exhibitor with the **most First Place awards** will be declared the winner.
3. If still tied, the award will be determined by the **Stills Department Superintendent**.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to any **4-H or FFA member (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior)** who is qualified to enter exhibits in the Monterey County Fair.
2. Exhibitor must enter a **minimum of ten (10) still exhibits** in the **4-H and FFA Stills Department** during the current fair year.
3. Entries may be submitted across **multiple divisions or classes** within the department.
4. All exhibits must comply with Monterey County Fair rules and regulations.

Sign up for floral judging contest by scanning the QR code below:



FLORAL JUDGING CONTEST

The Monterey County Fair will host a **Floral Identification Contest** to encourage knowledge of floriculture and plant identification among youth exhibitors. Participants will demonstrate their ability to correctly identify common floral materials used in horticulture and floral design.

The contest will be held on **Saturday, September 5th at 3:00 PM** following the **Junior Livestock and Agricultural Mechanics Live Auction**. Winner will receive a buckle at the awards breakfast on Monday, September 7th.

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1. Open to **4-H and FFA exhibitors** participating in the Monterey County Fair.
 2. Participants must register prior to the contest by scanning QR code above.

CONTEST FORMAT

1. Participants will be required to **identify twenty-five (25) floral items**.
2. Floral items may include **flowers, foliage, plant materials, commonly used floral design materials, commonly used tools, and specialty floral items**.
3. Contestants will record their answers by **scanning a QR code and completing the contest quiz electronically**.
4. **Participants must have a smartphone capable of scanning QR codes and accessing the online quiz** in order to participate in the contest.
5. Each correct identification will receive **one point**.

SCORING

1. A maximum of **25 points** may be earned.
2. The contestant with the **highest total score** will be declared the winner.

TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie:

1. Tied contestants will participate in a **tie-breaker identification round** consisting of additional floral identification items.
2. The contestant correctly identifying the **greatest number of tie-breaker items** will be declared the winner.
3. If a tie still exists, the **Stills Department Superintendent** will determine the final result.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT AUCTION

The Monterey County Fair Agricultural Mechanics Project Auction provides youth exhibitors the opportunity to showcase and sell their agricultural mechanics projects while encouraging excellence in craftsmanship, creativity, and agricultural innovation.

Exhibitors whose projects receive qualifying placings may choose to sell their projects through the **Agricultural Mechanics Auction**, which includes both a **Live Auction** and a **Silent Auction** component.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to **4-H and FFA exhibitors** entering Agricultural Mechanics projects in the **Stills Department** of the Monterey County Fair.
2. Only projects receiving **First Place or higher** from the official judge will be eligible for participation in the auction.
3. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Agricultural Mechanics Auction must **opt in prior to judging**.
4. All exhibits must comply with Monterey County Fair, **4-H**, and **FFA rules and regulations**.

AUCTION STRUCTURE

The Agricultural Mechanics Auction will consist of **two components**:

LIVE AUCTION

1. The **top three (3) Agricultural Mechanics projects** will be selected by the **Stills Department Superintendent** following judging.
2. Selected projects will be sold during the **Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction**.
3. Exhibitors whose projects are selected will be **notified following judging**.

SILENT AUCTION

1. Additional **First Place Agricultural Mechanics projects** that opted into the auction but are not selected for the live auction will be entered into a **Silent Auction**.
2. The Silent Auction will be conducted **throughout the duration of the fair**.
3. Projects will remain on display and available for bidding during the fair.

MINIMUM BID

1. Exhibitors may establish a **minimum acceptable bid price** for their project.
2. If bidding does not reach the exhibitor's minimum bid, the exhibitor may **retain ownership of the project and remove it from the auction**.
3. If the minimum bid is met or exceeded, the project will be sold to the highest bidder.

PAYMENT

1. Exhibitors whose projects are sold will receive payment in the **same manner and timeline as Junior Livestock Auction payments.**
2. Payment distribution will follow the **standard Monterey County Fair auction procedures.**

GENERAL RULES

1. All projects entered into the Agricultural Mechanics Auction must remain on display in the **Stills Department for the duration of the fair unless otherwise released by fair management.**
 2. Buyers must remove purchased projects according to the **official fair release schedule.**
 3. **The Stills Department Superintendent reserves the right to determine the projects selected for the Live Auction.**
 4. The Monterey County Fair reserves the right to **interpret and enforce all rules related to the Agricultural Mechanics Auction.**
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