

2026 TULARE COUNTY FAIR -COMMUNITY/FEATURE BOOTHS

COMMUNITY FEATURE BOOTHS EXHIBITS

OPEN TO TULARE COUNTY RESIDENTS.
EXHIBITS MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR DURATION OF FAIR

ENTRY TIMELINE:

Entry Deadline..... Friday, August 21, 2026. All registrations must be submitted online by midnight (Pacific Daylight Time).

Booth Setup.....Thursday, September 10 - Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Booth Setup will be done in Bldg. 4. Come through gate 5 off Martin Luther King Drive from 10:00am - 6:00pm.

Booth Teardown Monday, September 21 at 10:00am until Tuesday, September 22 at 5:00pm.

Both Entry Fee: \$50 for Division 200. All other Divisions in the Handbook are **free**.

Entry Limit: 2 entries per exhibitor per class

Judging: All judging will be blind and held in closed session. All entries will be judged using a scorecard. See criteria sheet below. The decision of the judges is final.

Score sheet for Community and Feature Exhibit Booths

- 45% Education Value
 - 25% The subject / purpose is obvious and fully developed.
 - 10% The subject is clearly communicated.
 - 10% Uses effective & appropriate labeling, signage, props, etc., to educate, create & maintain interest.
- 35% Appearance
 - 10% Effective Design
 - 10% Craftmanship
 - 10% Adherence to Fair Them
 - 5% All space is effectively and appropriately used.
 - 20% Creativity / Ingenuity / Special Effects

AWARDS

BEST OF SHOW - Rosette

RESERVE OF SHOW - Rosette

BEST OF DIVISION - Rosette

1ST 2ND 3rd 4th 5th & Ribbons

DIVISION 150 – COMMUNITY / FEATURE BOOTHS

Class

- 1 Community or Chamber Booths
- 2 Feature Exhibit Booths

ALL BOOTHS WILL BE DISPLAYED INSIDE

1. Community Booths are limited to Chambers of Commerce, school groups, service organizations or other civic organizations to display the advantages and diversity of the community or area represented.
2. Feature Exhibit Booths should display a single agricultural product, process or procedure of the area represented in such a manner as to inform the public of the value, desirability and interest of the consumer, producer, and community most attractively to be found in the subject being featured.
3. Commodities entered for judging by residents of each community may be used as display materials after judging if available. **When displayed, the names on the exhibit tags of the commodities must be visible.**
4. The purpose of this exhibit is to promote and display agricultural products grown in Tulare County. All produce should represent the community and surrounding areas and should have a 3" x 5" label for identification and descriptions. Spent produce should be removed daily, and live plants need to be watered. **The indoor Supervisor will determine the amount of produce entered open judging that can be allotted for use in community booth. ONLY RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITY ENTRIES CAN BE USED IN BOOTH.**
5. **Allotted Booth Space for a community booth is 10' x 10'.** The booth will be fenced on all exposed sides. The fencing will be a minimum of 2 ½ feet tall and a maximum of 4 feet tall. The sides of the display may not block the view of other booths. The full space must be used.
6. **Allotted Booth Space for feature exhibit booth is 10' x 10'.** The booth will be fenced on all exposed sides. The fencing will be a minimum of 2 ½ feet tall and a maximum of 4 feet tall. The sides of the display may not block the view of other booths.
7. All electric cords must be plugged into a surge protector (power bar).
8. Each booth should use lighting to highlight the display.
9. No straw is allowed for fencing, may be used as part of the display.
10. Any material (signage, props, etc.) that needs overhead hanging, must be in place by **Saturday, September 6**. Any use of a forklift or other fair equipment must be requested two (2) days in advance, by contacting Tulare Staff.
11. **All booths must be finished by 5:00pm on Monday, September 14. All major construction must be completed by 5:00pm on Saturday, September 12.**
12. Indoor space will be available for move-in from **Thursday, September 10 - Sunday, September 13, 2026, between the hours of 10:00am - 6:00pm.** (Exhibit Supervisor may arrange other hours if needed).
13. Fencing/Backdrop and large props must be in place by **Saturday, September 12, by 10:00am.**
14. Baseboard must be around fence to keep floor covering in.
15. The fair will not provide risers for booths.
16. Indoor Supervisor will allocate booth space after the close of entries.
17. Each booth will be allotted two (2) passes per day to allow someone to be in the booth to start any mechanism or to replenish the display prior to the daily opening of the fair.
18. According to the Health and Safety Code of the State, it is unlawful to decorate booths with any flammable material unless treated by a flame-retardant chemical as defined in the Health and Safety code. There are many decoration materials on the market, including fabrics, crepe paper, cellophane, etc. that are manufactured from non-flammable materials and comply with the letter of the law. Booths will be dismantled if not flame retardant.
19. Exhibitors wishing to man their booth or display for education purposes need to make arrangement with Exhibit Supervisor/Fair Management for entry.
20. The Booths will not be available on Sunday, September 12 until completion of judging entries.



2026 TULARE COUNTY FAIR AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

Entry Deadline..... **Friday, August 21, 2026.** All registrations must be submitted online by midnight (Pacific Daylight Time).
 Deliver to Building 1. Off Gate 5 from Martin Luther King Street.
Ag & Horticulture Entry Delivery.....**Friday, September 11, 10:00am - 5:00pm.**
Judging (Closed).....**Saturday, September 12, 2024.**
Entry Pickup.....**Monday, September 21, 10:00am - 5:00pm.**

AWARDS

Best of Show - \$25 & Rosette
Best of Division - Rosette
1st – 5th Place in each Division – Ribbons
Limit of entries 4 per Class for (Divisions 151 – 163)

DIVISION 151 – DRY GOODS (Bulk, 1 Pint)

CLASS

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| 1 Dry Beans | 5 Wheat |
| 2 Cotton | 6 Hay |
| 3 Corn | 7 Seeds |
| 4 Oats | 8 Any Other Dry Good, Specify |

DIVISION 152 – FRUIT & POD VEGETABLES

CLASS

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| 1 Yard Beans, 12 Pods | 13 Peppers, Jalapeno, 4 |
| 2 Beans, Snap, Blackeye, 12 Pods | 14 Peppers, Short Green Chili, 4 |
| 3 Eggplant, All Varieties, Specify, 3 | 15 Peppers, Yellow Chili, 4 |
| 4 Okra, All Varieties, Specify, 5 | 16 Peppers, any other not listed, Specify, 4 |
| 5 Peppers, Anaheim, 4 | 17 Tomato, Ace, 3 |
| 6 Peppers, Bell, Green, 3 | 18 Tomato, Beef Steak, 3 |
| 7 Peppers, Bell, Red, 3 | 19 Tomato, Big Boy, 3 |
| 8 Peppers, Bell, Yellow, 3 | 20 Tomato, Red Cherry, 6 |
| 9 Peppers, Fresno, 4 | 21 Tomato, Roma, 3 |
| 10 Peppers, Habanero, 4 | 22 Tomato, any other not listed, Specify, 3 |
| 11 Peppers, Hot, over 4", 4 | 23 Any other Fruit / Pod Vegetable, not listed, Specify. |
| 12 Peppers, Hot, Wax Under 2", 4 | |

DIVISION 153 – FRESH HERBS & SPICIES, ½ inch bundle

DIVISION 154 – DRIED HERBS & SPICIES, ½ ounce

Class

- 1 Basil, Sweet
- 2 Bay Leaves
- 3 Mint
- 4 Oregano
- 5 Parsley

- 6 Rosemary
- 7 Sage
- 8 Thyme
- 9 Any other not listed, Specify.

DIVISION 155 – VINE CROPS OR LEAFY STEM VEGETABLES (Plate Display)

Class

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| 1 Cucumbers, Any Specify, 2 | 8 Squash, Zucchini, 2 |
| 2 Gourds, Any Specify | 9 Squash, Any Other, Specify, 2 |
| 3 Melons, Any Specify | 10 Watermelon, Any Specify, 1 |
| 4 Pumpkins, Small Pie, 1 | 11 Corn, Sweet, Yellow, 3 in Husks |
| 5 Pumpkins, Mammoth, 1 | 12 Any other Vine Crops not listed, Specify |
| 6 Pumpkins, Big Mac, 1 | |
| 7 Squash, Crookneck / Yellow, 2 | |

DIVISION 156 – MONSTROSITIES (Entries will be judged by Weight)

Class

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| 1 Largest Tomato | 5 Largest Gourd |
| 2 Largest Squash | 6 Any other Large Vegetable or Fruit not listed, Specify |
| 3 Largest Pumpkin | |
| 4 Largest Watermelon | |

DIVISION 157 – ROOT, BULB & TUBER

Class

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| 1 Beets, All Varieties, Specify 3 | 4 Radishes, 2 Bunches (5 per bunch) |
| 2 Carrots, 5 | 5 Turnips, 5 |
| 3 Garlic, All Varieties, Specify 6 | 6 Any other not listed, Specify |

DIVISION 158 – TREE FRUIT (Plate Display – 3)

Class

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| 1 Apples | 7 Persimmons |
| 2 Avocados | 8 Plums |
| 3 Figs | 9 Prunes |
| 4 Nectarines | 10 Grapes |
| 5 Peaches | 11 Any other not listed, Specify |
| 6 Pears | |

NOTE: DIVISION 159 – Must be current's year's green crop. No citrus fruit will be accepted for display or competition for premiums, which show any sign of scale. All varieties to be without leaves.

DIVISION 159 – CITRUS FRUIT (Plate Display – 3)

Class

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| 1 Grapefruits | 5 Mandarins |
| 2 Lemons | 6 Tangerines |
| 3 Limes | 7 Subtropical Fruits |
| 4 Oranges | |

NOTE: DIVISION 160 – Must be last year's crop, mature, hulled and left in the shell. Commercial grade to be not less than ½ pound. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled. Exhibits not meeting requirements will not be accepted.

DIVISION 160 – NUTS (Plate Display)

Class

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| 1 Almonds | 4 Walnuts |
| 2 Peanuts | 5 Miscellaneous |
| 3 Pecans | |

DIVISION 161 – DRIED FRUITS (Plate Display – ½ pound)

Class

- 1 Any Variety, Specify

DIVISION 162 – RAISINS (Plate Display – ½ pound – Not washed or stemmed)

Class

- 1 Any Variety, Specify

DIVISION 163 – OLIVES (1 Pint)

Class

- 1 Processed Olives
- 2 Unprocessed Olives
- 3 Olive Oil

BEES & HONEY

AWARDS

Best of Show - \$25 & Rosette

Best of Class - Rosette

1st – 5th Place - Ribbons

MINIMUM QUANTITIES:

1. Comb Honey – 2 Divisions
2. Cut Comb Honey – 2 Packages
3. Extracting Frame – 1 Standard Size, Full Depth Frame
4. All Other – Two 1 lb. Standard Honey Jars

SCORE CARD

Properly Labeled	25%
General Appearance	25%
Well Wrapped (Comb Honey only)	25%
Color & Clarity (Not Combs)	25%

DIVISION 164 – HONEY

Class

- 1 Any Extracted, Specify
- 2 Any Variety, Specify
- 3 Extracting Frame, Full Depth, All Varieties



FRESH CUT FLOWERS

EXHIBITS RECEIVED	Building 1, Monday, September 14, 10:00am to 5:00pm
JUDGING (Closed)	Tuesday, September 15, 10:00am
EXHIBITS RELEASED	Ribbons may be picked up Monday, September 21, 10:00am to 5:00pm

1. All flowers must be raised by the exhibitor.
2. Limited to one variety but 2 per class per exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors are requested to label species and variety if known.
4. Containers will be furnished by the Fair.
5. Cut flowers will be displayed only as long as they are attractive. Cut Roses and Fresh Flower arrangements will be displayed Friday through Sunday of the fair.
6. The judges will divide into classes, if warranted.

HINT: Use of alcohol in containers will preserve the life of flowers.

AWARDS
Best of Show – \$25 & Rosette
Reserve Best of Show – Rosette
1st – 5th Place – Ribbons

DIVISION 165 – CUT FLORICULTURE

Class

- 1 Cut Flowers
- 2 Cut Roses
- 3 Floral Arrangements
- 4 Floral Arrangement - **Fair Theme**
(Built on Freedom, Raised on Tradition. 250 Years of America – 175 Year of California Heritage)



HOUSE PLANTS

EXHIBITS RECEIVED	Building 1, Monday, September 14, 10:00am to 5:00pm
JUDGING (Closed)	Tuesday, September 15, 10:00am
EXHIBITS RELEASED	Monday, September 21, 10:00am to 5:00 pm

1. Individuals are limited to two entries per class. Exceptions designated.
2. Tulare County Fair provides general watchman's service but assumes no liability for the safety of exhibits. Entries made are at the exhibitor's risk.
3. Exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
4. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with either the Botanical or Common Name, or both. Label card not to exceed 2" x 3".

AWARDS

Best of Show – \$25 & Rosette
Reserve Best of Show – Rosette
1st – 5th Place Ribbons Each Class

DIVISION 166 – POTTED PLANTS

CLASS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 African Violets (Must be in bloom for judging) 2 Begonias 3 Cactus 4 Dish Garden of Novelty Container 5 Ferns 6 Fresh Potted Herbs | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Fichus 8 Hanging Baskets 9 Miscellaneous Potted Plants 10 Philodendron 11 Succulents 12 Topiary |
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