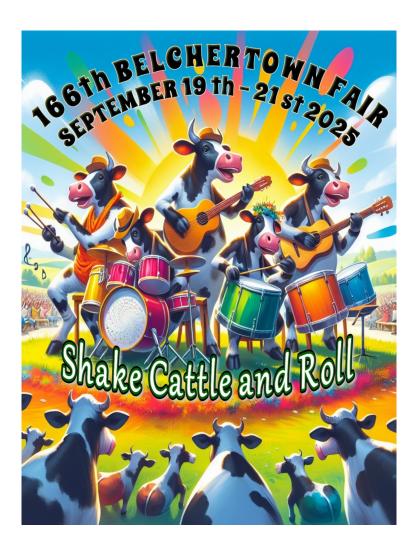
Exhibitor's Handbook



Belchertown Fair on the Common

www.belchertownfair.com

The Belchertown Fair Committee

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NO SMOKING ON THE COMMON

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE COMMON (OPEN CONTAINER LAW PER TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN)

NO PETS ALLOWED

SERVICE DOGS ARE WELCOME



Exhibit Hall Team

Donna Butler
Colleen Butler
Aimee Henderson
Lisa Aiken
Julie Salva
Mary Salva
Linda Sterling
Hope Guardenier
Kari Bachand

Exhibit Hall Hours

Friday 4:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday 12:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday 11:00 - 4:00 pm

Volunteers are always welcome!

Please contact Wendy Chevalier

413-813-8629

chevalierwendy@yahoo.com

The Belchertown Fair will take reasonable precautions to safeguard all entries. We will not be responsible for broken, lost, stolen or unclaimed items.

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Please visit other Massachusetts fairs www.MAFA.org

Exhibit Hall Rules - Youth and Adult

Entries must have been made or grown by exhibitor within the past 12 months.

- The Adult Department is open to exhibitors 19 and older as of January 1, 2025.
- The Youth Department is open to exhibitors 18 and younger as of January 1, 2025.
 Youth entries must include age.
- Returning Exhibitors
 Exhibitor number will be sent by email.
- New Exhibitors
 Exhibitor number will be given at check-in.
- · Only one entry per lot number.
- No exhibitor may enter more than 40 items.
- Judges reserve the right to further subdivide youth entries based on the age of the exhibitor 8 years and under, 9-14 years and 15-18 years.

Mail Entry Form to:

Colleen Butler 46 King Road Shutesbury, MA 01072 413-883-1713

or via email to **belchertownfair@gmail.com** (confirmation will be emailed upon receipt)

All entry forms must be postmarked by Saturday, September 6, 2025

Entry Drop Off Time

(Old Town Hall -28 Park Street)

Monday September 15th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Non-perishable entries

Tuesday September 16th 4:30 - 8:30 pm

• Non-perishable entries

Wednesday September 17th 2:30 - 6:30 pm

• Non-perishable and perishable entries

- Non-perishable examples crafts, canning, art, photography.
- Perishable examples veggies, baked goods, flowers, fruits.
- Hall doors close Wednesday at 6:30 pm sharp!
- Entries must be in place for judging by 6:45 pm.

Entry Pick Up Time

Sunday, September 21st 5:00 - 6:00 pm

- Entries must remain in hall until Sunday at 5:00 pm.
- Exhibitors removing items prior to 5:00 pm will be disqualified from future entries.
- Only exhibitors who received a blue, red or white ribbon need to wait in line to claim premium money.
- Premium money left unclaimed after 7 days will be donated to the Belchertown Fair.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Chevalier at 413-813-8629 chevalierwendy@yahoo.com

Premiums for Adult & Youth exhibits (unless otherwise noted)

1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00

Youth Department 1 - Vegetables

- Exact number of specimens required.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.
- Clean, free of bruises, cuts and disease.

Lot

- 1. Beans, green, 10
- 2. Beans, shelled, ½ cup
- 3. Beans, yellow, 10
- 4. Beets with 1" stems, 5
- 5. Broccoli, 2
- 6. Cabbage, 2
- 7. Carrots with tops, 5
- 8. Carrots without tops, 5
- 9. Cauliflower, 2
- 10. Cucumbers, 2
- 11. Eggplant, 2
- 12. Garlic, 2
- 13. Garlic braid, 1
- 14. Gourds, 5
- 15. Lettuce, 2
- 16. Onions, 2
- 17. Peppers, green, 2
- 18. Peppers, hot, 5
- 19. Peppers, ornamental, 5
- 20. Peppers, sweet, red, 2
- 21. Peppers, sweet, yellow, 2

- 22. Potatoes, red, 5
- 23. Potatoes, white, 5
- 24. Pumpkin, giant, 1
- 25. Pumpkins, mini, 2
- 26. Pumpkins, traditional, 2
- 27. Pumpkins, any other, 2
- 28. Squash, acorn, 2
- 29. Squash, butternut, 2
- 30. Squash, summer, 2
- 31. Squash, zucchini, 2
- 32. Squash, any other, 2
- 33. Tomatoes, cherry, red, 5
- 34. Tomatoes, cherry, yellow, 5
- 35. Tomatoes, green, 2
- 36. Tomatoes, heirloom, 2
- 37. Tomatoes, red, 2
- 38. Tomatoes, yellow, 2
- 39. Turnip, 2
- 40. Any other, 2
- 41. Display of at least 5 different vegetables in container
- 42. Mixed Bowl vegetables, fruits, etc.
- 43. Veggie Varmit made of only fruits & vegetables which may be purchased. Must be wrapped in plastic to prevent fruit flies.

Lots 41, 42 and 43 premiums 1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Youth Department 2 - Fruits

- Exact number of specimens required.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.

• Clean, free of bruis-

Lot

- 1. Apples, note variety, 5
- 2. Berries, 1 pint
- 3. Grapes, 3 clusters
- 4. Melons, 2
- 5. Watermelon, 1
- 6. Any other, large, 2
- 7. Any other, small, 1 pint



Youth Department 5 - Agricultural Products

• Exact number of items required.

Lot

- 1. Butter, homemade, 4 ounces
- 2. Cheese, cow, 4 ounces
- 3. Cheese, goat, 4 ounces
- 4. Eggs, chicken, blue/green, 1 dozen
- 5. Eggs, chicken, brown, 1 dozen
- 6. Eggs, chicken, white, 1 dozen
- 7. Eggs, any other, 1 dozen (duck, goose, etc.)
- 8. Honey, glass jar, 2 pints
- 9. Any other agricultural product

Youth Department 6 - Flower Arrangements

- 1. Blue vase, white flowers
- 2. Corsage in water
- 3. Dried or silk flowers
- 4. Fresh flowers
- 5. Fresh flowers in a container not intended for flowers
- 6. Miniature, not over 3" in any direction
- 7. Red, white, blue
- 8. Wild flowers
- 9. Any other



Youth Department 7 - Cut Flowers

- Judged on horticultural perfection.
- Must include sufficient stem and foliage.

Lot

- 1. Asters, 5
- 2. Cosmos, 5
- 3. Dahlias, 5
- 4. Marigolds, 5
- 5. Petunias, 5
- 6. Sunflowers, dried, 2 heads
- 7. Sunflowers, fresh, 2 heads
- 8. Sunflower, largest head, 1
- 9. Sunflower, tallest, 1
- 10. Zinnias, 5
- 11. Any other, 5



Youth Department 8 - Houseplants

Lot

- 1. Cactus
- 2. Flowering
- 3. Foliage
- 4. Hanging
- 5. Succulent
- 6. Terrarium
- 7. Any other



Youth Department 9 - Conservation

- All collections must be mounted and labeled.
- Endangered species will not be accepted.

- 1. Insects, 10
- 2. Leaves, 10
- 3. Rocks, 10
- 4. Shells, 10
- 5. Wildflowers, 10
- 6. Any other natural collection, 10





Youth Department 11 - Foods

- Foods must be covered with clear wrap, recipe attached.
- Foods should be attractive, good color, texture and flavor.
- Foods must be on disposable plate, pie pan, etc.

- 1. Bars, 6
- 2. Bread, handmade, yeast, 1 loaf
- 3. Bread machine bread, 1 loaf
- 4. Brownies, 6
- 5. Cake
- 6. Cake, decorated, judged on appearance only, must have a cake base
- 7. Candy, 6
- 8. Cookies, 6
- 9. Cookies, no bake, 6
- 10. Cupcakes, 6
- 11. Gluten-free, any
- 12. Lunch Box pack a nutritious lunch, beverage may be included or listed. Include menu for all three meals.
- 13. Muffins, 6
- 14. Party mix, 2 cups
- 15. Pie
- 16. Quick bread, 1 loaf
- 17. Unique mixes create a special cake using cake mix plus additional ingredients.
- 18. Vegan, any
- 19. Any other





Youth Fair Cake Recipe

Submitted by 2024 winner Jackson Quinn

German Chocolate Cake

- 1 4 oz. package sweet baking chocolate, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3/4 cup butter
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 recipe Coconut-Pecan frosting
- 1. In a small saucepan combine chocolate and milk. Cook and stir over low heat until melted; set aside to cool.
- 2. Allow butter and eggs to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, grease the bottoms of two 8x8x2 inch square or 9x11/2 inch round cake pan. Line the bottoms of the pans with waxed paper; grease and lightly flour pans. Or grease one 13x9x2 inch pan. Set pan(s) aside. In a medium bowl stir together flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt; set aside.
- 3. Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large mixing bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Gradually add sugar, about 1/4 cup at a time, beating on medium speed after each addition until well combined (about 3 minutes). Scrapes sides of bowl; continue beating on medium speed for 2 minutes more. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition (about 1 minute total). Beat in vanilla. Alternately add flour mixture and chocolate mixture to butter mixture, beating on low speed after each addition just until combined.

- Beat on medium speed for 20 seconds more. Spread batter evenly into the prepared pan(s).
- 4. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes for 8 inch pans, 30 to 35 minutes for 9 inch pans, 40 to 45 minutes for 13x9x2 inch pan, or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center(s) comes out clean. Cool cake layers in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes. Remove cake layers from pans. Peel off waxed paper. Cool thoroughly on racks. Or place 13x9x2 inch cake in pan on a wire rack; cool thoroughly.
- 5. Spread Coconut-Pecan frosting over the top of each layer, stack the layers on a cake plate. Or spread the Coconut-Pecan frosting over the top of the 13x9x2 cake.

Coconut-Pecan Frosting: In a medium saucepan slightly beat 1 egg. Stir in one 5-ounce can (2/3 cup) evaporated milk, 2/3 cup sugar, and 1/4 cup butter. Cook and stir over medium heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat; stir in 1 1/3 cups flaked coconut and 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Cover and cool thoroughly before using frosting to frost cake.



Youth Department 12 - Canning

- Contents must be uniform, properly sealed and filled to proper level.
- Containers must be uniform in size, labeled and rings removed.

Lot

- 1. Applesauce, 2
- 2. Fruit, 2
- 3. Jam, 2
- 4. Jelly, 2



- 5. Pickled, cucumbers, 2
- 6. Relish, 2
- 7. Salsa. 2
- 8. Vegetable, 2
- 9. Any other, 2

Youth Department 14 - Needlework

• Judged on workmanship, design, originality and condition.

Lot

- 1. Accessories
- 2. Clothing, sewn
- 3. Counted cross-stitch
- 4. Crocheted item
- 5. Doll or stuffed animal
- 6. Embroidered item
- 7. Felted item, wet or dry

- 8. Knitted item
- 9. Latch hook
- 10. Needlepoint
- 11. Pillow
- 12. Plastic canvas
- 13. Quilted item
- 14. Sewn, other
- 15. Soft sculpture
- 16. Any other

Youth Department 15 - Art "JUDY BETTENCOURT AWARD" Youth Best Art

- 1. Calligraphy
- 2. Chalk
- 3. Clay
- 4. Collage
- 5. Coloring, printed page
- 6. Drawing, charcoal
- 7. Drawing, colored pencil
- 8. Drawing, crayon
- 9. Drawing, ink
- 10. Drawing, marker
- 11. Drawing, pastel
- 12. Drawing, pencil

- 13. Graphic art 14. Mixed media
- 15. Natural materials
- 16. Paint by number
- 17. Painting, acrylic
- 18. Painting, oil
- 19. Painting, watercolor
- 20. Poster, 4-H or group theme
- 21. Poster, Belchertown Fair
- 22. Sculpture
- 23. Zentangle
- 24. Any other



Youth Department 16 - Crafts

- 1. 4-H project
- 2. Acrylic pour
- 3. Basketry
- 4. Beaded item
- 5. Bookmark
- 6. Candle, 1
- 7. Ceramic
- 8. Decoupage
- Decorated animal, purchased, dressed, decorated by exhibitor
- 10. Decorated hat
- 11. Decorated pumpkin
- 12. Diamond painting
- 13. Diorama
- 14. Doll
- 15. Duct tape
- 16. Fairy Garden
- 17. Felt
- 18. Folk art
- 19. Greeting card, 1
- 20. Handmade flowers
- 21. Handmade jewelry
- 22. Holiday decoration
- 23. Macramé
- 24. Magnet
- 25. Metalwork
- 26. Mobile
- 27. Mosaic
- 28. Nature (natural materials, pinecones, shells, etc.)
- 29. Origami
- 30. Paper
- 31. Paper cutting/silhouette
- 32. Paper maché



- 33. Plaster
- 34. Pony bead
- 35. Pottery
- 36. Punched metal
- 37. Puppet
- 38. Recycle
- 39. Resin
- 40. Reverse painting on glass
- 41. Rock sculpture
- 42. Scrapbook/memory book (at least 5 pages)
- 43. Soap, handmade, 1
- 44. Seashells
- 45. Stained glass
- 46. Stamp, carved
- 47. Stamped item
- 48. Stencil work
- 49."Swiftie" friendship bracelet
- 50. Tie-dyed
- 51. Unsewn fabric
- 52. Wearable
- 53. Wreath
- 54. Yarn
- 55. Any other

Youth Department 17 - Woodworking

- Project must be assembled by exhibitor.
- No pre-made purchased items may be used.

Lot

- 1. Birdhouse
- 2. Breadboard, basket or box
- 3. Footstool or shelf
- 4. Table, chair or bookcase
- 5. Wood burning
- 6. Wood carving
- 7. Wooden toy or game
- 8. Any other



Youth Department 18 - Educational Display

• Display must be no larger than 6' x 3'.

"NANCY SEARLE AWARD"

Lot

1. 4-H Club Educational Display



Lot

- 2. Club, agricultural
- 3. Club, non-agricultural
- 4. Individual, agricultural
- 5. Individual, non-agricultural
- * 6. School, agricultural
- * 7. School, non-agricultural



*School projects can be entered September 16th - 18th Entry form not required in advance

Individual and Club Exhibit Premiums Lots 1 - 5

1st \$15.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$5.00

School Project Premiums - Lots 6 - 7

\$15.00 for each class entry

Youth Department 20 - Amateur Photography

- Photographs must be taken in the past 12 months.
- · Must be able to stand on its own or hang.
- Photo including mat must not be larger than 11" X 14". (exception Lot 1 and Lot 23)
- Maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor.

Lot

- 1. Set of 4 photos, 4 Seasons in Belchertown, taken in same location (in one frame)
- 2. Place in Belchertown
- 3. 2024 Belchertown Fair
- 4. Notable Belchertown event, other than the Fair

- 5. Abstract
- 6. Animal
- 7. Black & White
- 8. Bugs
- 9. Celebrate America (Red, White, Blue)
- 10. Family gathering or event
- 11. Food
- Great vacation or exotic place
- 13. Harvest time
- 14. Holiday
- 15. Humor
- 16. Landscape
- 17. Man-made thing
- 18. Nature

- 19. Pet, domestic
- 20. Person, single
- 21. Photoshopped
- 22. "Selfie"
- 23. Set of 4 photos, story or sequence (in one frame)
- 24. Sports, action
- 25. Still life
- 26. Trick photography
- 27. Two or more people
- 28. Weather
- 29. Wildflower, uncultivated
- 30. Wildlife, animal
- 31. Any other



Department 50

2025 Belchertown Fair Logo

- Entry must incorporate the 2025 Belchertown Fair Logo (ex. art, craft, photography).
- Entry will be judged on creativity and best depiction of the 2025 logo.

Lot

- 1. Adult
- 2. Youth



Premiums

1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00

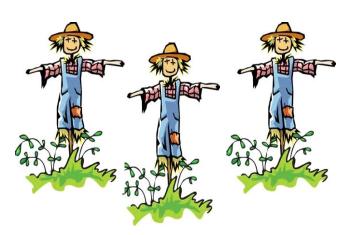
Department 60 - Scarecrow Contest

- Bring your scarecrow to the Exhibit Hall
 Wednesday, September 17th between 2:30 6:30 pm.
- Must have sturdy **standing** support and be 5-8 ft tall.
- Must be able to be displayed outside on the Common.
- Must remain on display throughout the fair.

I.ot

- 1. Adult
- 2. Family or group
- 3. Youth

Premiums
1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00



Department 70 - Giant Pumpkin Contest



Giant Pumpkin Rules

- Bring your pumpkin to the Pulling Area
 Friday, September 19th at 5:30 pm for weigh-in.
- Pumpkins must be grown in Belchertown.
- Contestant must be a Belchertown resident and be present for weigh-in.
- Pumpkins must be cream-yellow to orange in color.
- Pumpkins must be healthy and undamaged.
- Winning pumpkin will be based on weight alone.
- Pumpkins must remain on display until Sunday, September 21st at 4:00 pm.
- The Belchertown Fair Committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage of any pumpkin.
- Pumpkins will be stored in a secure facility overnight.
- Pumpkins will be displayed outside the Exhibit Hall following the parade and throughout the weekend.

Premiums 1st \$75.00 2nd \$50.00 3rd \$25.00

Department 80

25th Annual Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest

- Bring your favorite apple pie to the Exhibit Hall Wednesday, September 17th 2:30 6:30 pm.
- Recipe including crust must be attached to entry.
- All pies must be covered with clear wrap in a disposable pie pan.
- Entries will be judged on appearance and taste.

Lot

- 1. Adult Pie
- 2. Youth Pie



Premiums

1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

2024 Winners

Adult: Kate Nadeau

Youth: No entry

Youth Department 30 - Rabbit/Cavy

Mail Entry Forms postmarked by Saturday, September 6th

Belchertown Fair Committee Rabbit Superintendent P.O. Box 670 Belchertown, MA 01007

For information contact Sandy Brougham at hensnchicks 101@gmail.com or 413-323-5161

- Entry forms must include breed, variety, ear number and entry fee: \$1.50 per rabbit / cavy. Make checks payable to "Town of Belchertown"
- For more information email Michelle at chickinthesticksfarm@yahoo.com
- Rabbit/Cavy exhibitors and their animals must arrive between 8:30-9:30 am on Saturday, September 20th.
- The written test and identification contest and showmanship will begin at 10:00 am.
- Please note on your entry if you are marching in the parade.
- This is an American Rabbit Breeders sanctioned youth show and is open to all youth. ARBA membership is not required but the show will follow ARBA show rules.
- Animals showing signs of disease will be barred from the show area.
- Youth are required to handle their own animals, this includes grooming, carrying to the table and showmanship. If assistance is needed, help from another youth exhibitor is allowed and encouraged.
- Exhibitors are required to keep their animals safe and comfortable.
- Exhibitors should keep their area clean educational information and decorations are encouraged.
- Exhibitors who want written comments from the breed judging should request coop cards when they check in.

Official American Rabbit Breeders Association Sanctioned Show P.O. Box 499 Knox, PA 16232 Membership Dues

Adult: \$20 per year / \$50 for 3 yrs. Youth: \$12 per year / \$30 for 3 yrs.

Combination husband & wife: \$30 per year / \$75 for 3 yrs.

Single Adult family: \$20 plus \$5 per youth, per year / \$50 plus \$10 per youth for 3yrs. Husband/wife, family: \$30 plus \$5 per you per year / \$75 plus \$10 per youth for 3 yrs.

Show Classes

Purebred Rabbit /Cavy

Rabbits must have permanent ear tattoo, cavies must be ear tagged.

1. Senior buck/boar 4. Intermediate doe/sow

2. Senior doe/sow 5. Junior buck/boar

3. Intermediate buck/boar 6. Junior doe/sow

Pet Rabbit / Cavy

Open to animals ineligible to be shown in classes 1 - 6.

7. Senior buck/boar 9. Junior buck/boar

8. Senior doe/sow 10. Junior doe/sow

Showmanship

Exhibitors must be neat and wear dark slacks or skirt and a white long sleeved shirt or show coat.

11. Novice first year showing

12. Cloverbud under 7 years as of January 1, 2025 13. Junior 8-13 years of age as of January 1, 2025

14. Senior 14-18 as of January 1, 2025

Rabbit / Cavy Knowledge

15. Novice written test 19. Novice identification

16. Cloverbud written test 20. Cloverbud identification

17. Junior written test 21. Junior identification

18. Senior written test 22. Senior identification

New Categories

23. Educational Display

24. Rabbit costume

25. Rabbit, meat pens

Awards

Classes 1 - 6 and 15 - 25 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 Classes 7 - 14 Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White \$1.00

Trophies for Best of Show, Best Reserve, Best Pet, Best of Breed (if at least 5 shown). Special award for "Outstanding Exhibitor" based on highest total in showmanship, written test and identification.

Youth and Adult Department 33 - Poultry

Mail Entry Forms postmarked by Saturday, September 6th

Belchertown Fair Committee Poultry Superintendent P.O. Box 670 Belchertown, MA 01007



For information contact Sandy Brougham at hensnchicks101@gmail.com or 413-323-5161

- Poultry Show hours are Sunday, September 21st from 11:00 - 5:00 pm.
- Exhibitors and their poultry must arrive on Sunday between 9:00 -10:00 am.
- Breed and Variety must appear in description on entry column form.
- Adult and Youth entries will be judged separately.
- Exhibitors must show proof that their birds have been tested within one year prior to show date & are pullorum-free, salmonella-free and avian influenza negative.
- Birds must be clean and fully feathered.
- Birds showing signs of disease will not be allowed to show.
- Poultry under 6 months and waterfowl of any age do not have to be tested.

Rooster Crowing - Sunday, September 21st



Contest to begin following judging Register at Agriculture Tent

1 entry per person

Class

1. Large fowl, cock
2. Large fowl, cockerel
3. Large fowl, hen
4. Large fowl, pullet
5. Bantams, cock
6. Bantams, hen
7. Bantams, cockerel
8. Bantams, pullet
9. Crossbred, cock
14. Tu
15. Tu
16. Tu
17. Wa
19. Wa
20. Wa
21. Wa
22. Wa

10. Crossbred, hen

11. Crossbred, cockerel

12. Crossbred, pullet

13. Turkey, old tom

14. Turkey, old hen

15. Turkey, young tom

16. Turkey, young hen

17. Waterfowl, old drake

18. Waterfowl, old duck

19. Waterfowl, young drake

20. Waterfowl, young duck 21. Waterfowl, old gander

22. Waterfowl, old goose

23. Waterfowl, young gander

24. Waterfowl, young goose

25. Meat bird

26. Production pullet

27. Production hen

Showmanship

28. Novice First year showing
29. Cloverbud 7 years & younger as of January 1, 2025
30. Junior 8 -13 years of age as of January 1, 2025
31. Senior 14-18 years of age as of January 1, 2025

• Exhibitors should present a neat appearance at all times.

• Dark pants or skirt, white long sleeve shirt or show coat required for showmanship classes.

New Categories

32. Educational Display

33. Funky chicken

Premiums

Poultry Classes 1 - 27

Showmanship Classes 28 - 31

New Categories 32 - 33

Blue \$5.00 Red \$4.00 White \$3.00

Adult Department 101 - Vegetables "PRESTON ATWOOD AWARD"

Adult Best Vegetable

- Exact number of specimens called for.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.
- Clean, free of bruises, cuts and disease.

Lot

- 1. Beans, green, 10
- 2. Beans, shelled, ½ cup
- 3. Beans, yellow, 10
- 4. Beets with 1" stems, 5
- 5. Broccoli, 2
- 6. Cabbage, 2
- 7. Carrots with tops, 5
- 8. Carrots without tops, 5
- 9. Cauliflower, 2
- 10. Cucumbers, 2
- 11. Eggplant, 2
- 12. Garlic, 2
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- 14. Gourds, 5
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- 32. Squash, any other, 2
- 33. Tomatoes, cherry, red, 5
- 34. Tomatoes, cherry, yellow, 5
- 35. Tomatoes, green, 2
- 36. Tomatoes, heirloom, 2
- 37. Tomatoes, red, 2
- 38. Tomatoes, yellow, 2
- 39. Turnip, 2
- 40. Any other, 2

41. "GLENN BUTLER AWARD"

Display of at least 5 different vegetables in container

- 42. Mixed Bowl vegetables, fruits, etc.
- 43. Veggie Varmit made of only fruits and vegetables which may be purchased.. Must be wrapped in plastic to prevent fruit flies.

Lots 41, 42 and 43 premiums

1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Adult Department 102 - Fruit "E. C. HOWARD & SON AWARD" Adult Best Fruit

- Exact number of specimens required.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.
- Clean, free of bruises, cuts and disease.

Lot

- 1. Arrangement of 5 or more different fruits
- 2. Apples, note variety, 5
- 3. Berries, 1 pint
- 4. Grapes, 3 clusters
- 5. Melons, 2
- 6. Peaches, 3
- 7. Pears, 3
- 8. Watermelon, 1
- 9. Any other, large, 2
- 10. Any other, small, 1 pint



Adult Department 103 - Herbs

- 1. Arrangement of garden herbs
- 2. Collection of at least 5, dried
- 3. Collection of at least 5, green
- 4. Herb Vinegar, 1
- 5. Any other



Adult Department 104 - Honey & Maple Syrup

• Honey & Maple Syrup must be produced in Massachusetts.



Lot

- 1. Beeswax candles, 2
- 2. Beeswax item
- 3. Beeswax, 2 pounds or more
- 4. Honeycomb, 4 inch cut, 2 sections
- 5. Honey, dark, glass, jar, 2
- 6. Honey, light, glass, jar, 2
- 7. Maple fudge, pure, half pound
- 8. Maple syrup, dark, glass jar, 2 pints
- 9. Maple syrup, light, glass jar, 2 pints
- 10. Any other, 2

Adult Department 105 - Agricultural Products

"HUBERT & JENNIE GREENE AWARD" Adult Best Eggs

- Exact number of items required.
- Must be clean, uniform in size, shape and color.

- 1. Butter, homemade, 4 ounces
- 2. Cheese, cow, 4 ounces
- 3. Cheese, goat, 4 ounces
- 4. Eggs, chicken, blue/green, 1 dozen
- 5. Eggs, chicken, brown, 1 dozen
- 6. Eggs, chicken, white, 1 dozen
- 7. Eggs, any other, 1 dozen (duck, goose, etc.)
- 8. Ornamental corn, 5 ears
- 9. Popcorn, 5 ears
- 10. Any other



Adult Department 106 - Flower Arrangement

Live flowers unless otherwise noted.

Lot

- 1. 2025 Theme "Shake, Cattle and Roll" Luncheon Tray
 - Must include tray, menu and vase of flowers.
 (only the flowers are judged)

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- 2. Basket, fresh
- 3. Blue vase, white flowers
- 4. Corsage in water
- 5. Decorated straw hat, dried
- 6. Decorated straw hat, fresh
- 7. Decorated straw hat, silk
- 8. Dinner center piece, 3 each of 3 different flowers
- 9. Flower and vegetable combination
- 10. Fresh flowers in container not intended for flowers
- 11. Holiday
- 12. Miniature, not over 3" in any direction
- 13. Red, white, blue
- 14. Silk, vase
- 15. White vase, yellow flowers
- 16. Wildflower, basket
- 17. Wildflower, vase
- 18. Wildflower, other
- 19. Wreath, dried
- 20. Wreath, fresh
- 21. Wreath, silk
- 22. Any other



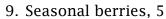
Adult Department 107 - Cut Flowers

- Judged on horticultural perfection.
- Must include sufficient stem and foliage.

Lot

- 1. Asters, 5
- 2. Cosmos, 5
- 3. Dahlia. 5
- 4. Gladiolus, 5
- 5. Marigolds, 5
- 6. Petunias, 5
- 7. Rose, 1 bloom
- 8. Rose, 3 blooms





- 10. Snapdragons, 5
- 11. Sunflowers, dried, 2 heads
- 12. Sunflowers, fresh, 2 heads
- 13. Sunflower, largest head, 1
- 14. Sunflower, tallest, 1
- 15. Zinnias, large, 5
- 16. Zinnias, small, 5
- 17. Any other, 5



Adult Department 108 - Houseplants

- 1. Cactus
- 2. Flowering
- 3. Foliage
- 4. Hanging
- 5. Succulent
- 6. Terrarium
- 7. Any other



Adult Department 109 - Conservation

- Collections must be mounted and labeled.
- Endangered species will not be accepted.

Lot

- 1. Evergreens, 10
- 2. Insects, 10
- 3. Leaves, 10
- 4. Native woods, 10
- 5. Rocks, 10
- 6. Seeds, 10
- 7. Wildflowers, 10
- 8. Any other natural collection, 10



Adult Department 110 - Outdoor Sportsman

- 1. Bow, arrow
- 2. Knots, 5
- 3. Pack basket
- 4. Paddle, canoe
- 5. Rods
- 6. Tied flies, 5
- 7. Tip up
- 8. Any other



Adult Department 111 – Foods "ELSIE WASKIEWICZ AWARD" Adult Best Food

- Foods must be covered with clear wrap, recipe attached.
- Foods should be attractive, good color, texture and flavor.
- Foods must be on disposable plate, pie pan, etc.

- 1. Biscuits, 6
- 2. Bread, handmade, yeast, 1 loaf
- 3. Bread, machine bread, 1 loaf
- 4. Brownies, 6
- 5. Cake
- 6. Cake, decorated, judged on appearance only, must have cake base
- 7. Candy, 6
- 8. Cookies, bars, 6
- 9. Cookies, chocolate chip, 6
- 10. Cookies, decorated, 6
- 11. Cookies, dropped, 6
- 12. Cookies, no bake, 6
- 13. Cookies, rolled, 6
- 14. Gluten free, any
- 15. Muffins, 6
- 16. Party mix, 2 cups
- 17. Pie, one crust
- 18. Pie, two crust
- 19. Quick bread, 1 loaf
- 20. Rolls, 6
- 21. Scones, 6
- 22. Vegan
- 23. Any other
- 24. Adult Fair Cake, recipe on page 31



Adult Fair Cake Recipe Submitted by 2024 Winner Kate Nadeau

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Ingredients

4 tablespoons butter, salted

1 cup brown sugar

1 can pineapple slices, 20 oz. in juice (reserve juice for cake part of recipe).

- 1 jar maraschino cherries, 6 oz. jar
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 large eggs

Water, as needed to make 1 cup of reserved pineapple juice

Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9 x 11 inch baking pan with no stick spray.
- 2. Place cut up pieces of butter in baking pan, into hot oven to melt. Remove once melted.
- 3. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly on top of melted butter.
- 4. Place pineapple slices in an even design onto brown sugar. Slice some in half if whole slices don't fit.

Cherries go into the centers of sliced pineapple and in larger spaces between slices.

- 5. Mix cake mix according to the directions, modifying as follows. Use the 1 cup of the reserved pineapple juice (water added as needed to make 1 cup). Use only 2
- tablespoons of oil, not the amount stated on the package.
- 6. Pour batter over pineapple slices and cherries ensuring even coverage.
- 7. Bake for 30 minutes in preheated oven. Test for doneness with a toothpick (only poke 2/3 of the way down).
- 8. Run a knife around the edge after removing from oven. Let the cake sit for 5 minutes to cool.
- 9. Place a serving dish upside down on pan. Quickly flip the cake onto the serving plate. Wait a minute or so prior to lifting to let all the sugary topping to fall onto cake.





Adult Department 112 - Canning

"HELEN PAPP AWARD"



Adult Best Canning

- Contents must be uniform, properly sealed and filled to proper level.
- Containers must be uniform in size, labeled and rings removed.

Lot

- 1. Applesauce, 2
- 2. Beans, green, 2
- 3. Beans, yellow, 2
- 4. Beets, cut, 2
- 5. Carrots, cut, 2
- 6. Collection 3 fruits, 1 jar each
- 7. Collection 3 jams, 1 jar each
- 8. Collection 3 vegetables, 1 jar each
- 9. Condiment, 2
- 10. Corn, 2

- 11. Fruit, any variety, 2
- 12. Jam, any variety, 2
- 13. Jelly, any variety, 2
- 14. Peaches. 2
- 15. Pears. 2
- 16. Pickled, cucumber, 2
- 17. Pickled, any other, 2
- 18. Relish, 2
- 19. Salsa, 2
- 20. Spaghetti sauce, 2
- 21. Tomatoes, 2
- 22. Vegetable, 2
- 23. Any other, 2

Adult Department 113 - Gift Basket

"DONNA BUTLER AWARD" Relating to the 2025 theme "Shake, Cattle and Roll"



Lot

1. Basket filled with usable items - **do not wrap** (birthday, household, baby, garden, etc,)

Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00

Adult Department 114 - Needlework

"BOB WILSON AWARD" Adult Best Quilt

• Judged on workmanship, design, originality and condition.

- 1. Accessories
- 2. Apron
- 3. Costume
- 4. Counted cross-stitch
- 5. Crocheted, afghan
- 6. Crocheted, baby set
- 7. Crocheted, mittens
- 8. Crocheted, pillow
- 9. Crocheted, scarf
- 10. Crocheted, socks
- 11. Crocheted, sweater
- 12. Crocheted, vest
- 13. Crocheted, other
- 14. Dress, adult
- 15. Dress, child
- 16. Embroidered sampler
- 17. Fabric, toy or doll
- 18. Felted item, wet or dry
- 19. Flag, mini
- 20. Flag, standard
- 21. Hand spun finished item
- 22. Hand spun skein (3oz.)
- 23. Knitted, afghan
- 24. Knitted, baby set
- 25. Knitted, hat
- 26. Knitted, mittens
- 27. Knitted, pillow
- 28. Knitted, scarf



- 29. Knitted, socks
- 30. Knitted, sweater
- 31. Knitted, vest
- 32. Knitted, other
- 33. Leather bag
- 34. Leather vest
- 35. Needlepoint, canvas
- 36. Needlepoint, plastic
- 37. Punch needle embroidery
- 38. Quilt, appliquéd, bed
- 39. Quilt, baby
- 40. Quilt, hand quilted, bed
- 41. Quilt, large pieced, bed
- 42. Quilt, original design
- 43. Quilt, twin or lap
- 44. Quilted clothing
- 45. Quilted, other item
- 46. Rug, floor
- 47. Rug, wall hanging
- 48. Sewn pillow
- 49. Sewn, other item
- 50. Tufting
- 51. Wall hanging
- 52. Wearable item, other
- 53. Any other



Adult Department 115 - Art

- Art must be made by exhibitor.
- No copies or prints will be allowed.

- 1. Acrylic, abstract
- 2. Acrylic, landscape
- 3. Acrylic, portrait
- 4. Acrylic, seascape
- 5. Acrylic, still life
- 6. Acrylic, any other
- 7. Airbrush
- 8. Block printing (on paper, fabric, canvas)
- 9. Chalk
- 10. Coloring, printed page
- 11. Digital art
- 12. Drawing, charcoal
- 13. Drawing, colored pencil
- 14. Drawing, crayon
- 15. Drawing, mixed media
- 16. Drawing, pastels
- 17. Drawing, pen
- 18. Drawing, pencil
- 19. Drawing, any other
- 20. Graphic art
- 21. Mixed media
- 22. Oil painting, abstract
- 23. Oil painting, landscape
- 24. Oil painting, portrait
- 25. Oil painting, seascape
- 26. Oil painting, still life
- 27. Oil painting, any other





- 28. Paint by number
- 29. Silkscreen
- 30. Slate painting
- 31. Watercolor, abstract
- 32. Watercolor, landscape
- 33. Watercolor, portrait
- 34. Watercolor, seascape
- 35. Watercolor, still life 36. Watercolor, any other
- 37. Zentangle
- 38. Any other





Adult Department 116 - Crafts

Lot

- 1. Acrylic pour
- 2. Basketry
- 3. Beaded item
- 4. Block print, wearable
- 5. Calligraphy
- 6. Candle, 1
- 7. Ceramic
- 8. Decorative painting
- 9. Diamond painting
- 10. Diorama
- 11. Duck tape
- 12. Fairy garden
- 13. Glass blowing
- 14. Greeting card, 1
- 15. Holiday
- 16. Jewelry
- 17. Leather
- 18. Liquid painting
- 19. Macramé
- 20. Metal
- 21. Mixed media
- 22. Mosaic
- 23. Origami
- 24. Painted rock

- 25. Paper cutting
- 26. Pottery, decorative
- 27. Pottery, free form
- 28. Pottery, glazed
- 29. Pottery, wheel thrown
- 30. Punched metal
- 31. Recycle
- 32. Resin
- 33. Reverse painting on glass
- 34. Scrapbook/memory book (at least 5 pages)
- 35. Sculpture
- 36. Seashells
- 37. Silhouette
- 38. Silkscreen
- 39. Soap, handmade, 1
- 40. Stained glass
- 41. Stamp, carved
- 42. Stamped item
- 43. Stenciled work 44. "Swiftie" friendship bracelet
- 45. Tie-dved
- 46. Wind chime
- 47. Any other

Adult Department 117 - Woodworking

I.ot

- 1. Birdhouse
- 2. Carving
- 3. Decorative carving
- 4. Doll house
- 5. Furniture
- 6. Jewelry
- 7. Joinery
- 8. Miniature furniture
- 9. Sculpture

- 10. Whirligig
- 11. Whittling
- 12. Wood burning
- 13. Wood turning
- 14. Any other



Adult Department 118 - Educational Display

• Display must be no larger than 6' x 3'.

I.ot

- 1. Family or Group, agricultural
- 2. Family or Group, non-agricultural
- 3. Farm, Belchertown
- 4. Individual, agricultural
- 5. Individual, non-agricultural



Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00

Adult Department 119 - Trash to Treasure

"K.B. KEVIN BROWN AWARD" Adult Best Trash to Treasure

- A before photo is required.
- Judged on creativity and artistic skill.

Lot

- 1. Upcycled item
- 2. Upcycled clothing





Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00

Adult Department 120 - Amateur Photography

"LES CAMPBELL AWARD" Adult Best Photograph

- Photos must be taken in the past 12 months.
- Photos must be able to stand on its own or hang.
- Photo including mat must not be larger than 11" X 14". (exception Lot 1 and Lot 23)
- Maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor.

Lot

- 1. Set of 4 photos, 4 Seasons in Belchertown, taken in same location (in one frame)
- 2. Place in Belchertown
- 3. 2024 Belchertown Fair
- 4. Notable Belchertown event, other than the Fair

- 5. Abstract
- 6. Animal
- 7. Black & White
- 8. Bugs
- 9. Celebrate America, (Red, White, Blue)
- 10. Family gathering or event
- 11. Food
- 12. Great vacation or exotic place
- 13. Harvest time
- 14. Holiday
- 15. Humor
- 16. Landscape
- 17. Man-made thing
- 18. Nature
- 19. Person, single



- 20. Pet, domestic
- 21. Photoshopped
- 22. "Selfie"
- 23. Set of 4 photos, story or sequence (in one frame)
- 24. Sports, action
- 25. Still life
- 26. Trick photography
- 27. Two or more people
- 28. Weather
- 29. Wildflower, uncultivated
- 30. Wildlife, animal
- 31. Any other

Adult Department 150 - Horse Draw Saturday, September 20th Starting at noon or after parade

- Weigh-in begins at 8:30 am
- Scales on grounds
- Up to 3,300 pounds
- Over 3,300 pounds
- This is a six-foot pull



- NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED
 (open container law per Town of Belchertown).
- Any teamster under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave.
- Please clean around your area before leaving.
- Classes may be combined at the discretion of fair officials.
- · Additional off grounds parking available.
- We adhere to the 2025 Eastern Draft Horse Association Rules and Massachusetts Fairs Pulling Rules; however, the 2025 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules will supersede.
- The 2025 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules are available at www.belchertownfair.com and will be posted at the pull.
- For information, contact Bill Austin 413-219-6900.

Adult Department 160 - Ox Draw Sunday, September 21st Starting at 9:00 -10:00 am

- Weigh-in begins at 8:00 am. Scales on grounds.
- Adult Steer

Up to 2,400 pounds Up to 2,800 pounds Up to 3,200 pounds Over 3,200 pounds



Youth Steer

To be announced on the day of pull.

- · Wood goad stick use only.
- NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED
 (open container law per Town of Belchertown).
- Any teamster under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave.
- Please clean around your area before leaving.
- Classes may be combined at the discretion of fair officials.
- Additional off grounds parking available.
- We adhere to the 2025 New England Oxen Teamster Rules and Massachusetts Fairs Pulling Rules; however, the 2025 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules will supersede.
- The 2025 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules are available at www.belchertownfair.com and will be posted at the pull.
- For information, contact Bill Austin 413-219-6900.



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4H and Agricultural Tents.
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