FOOD DIVISION (SECTIONS P & R) JUDGING CRITERIA

A. All canned food entries shall be judged using the latest National Food Preservation website [http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_home.html](http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_home.html)

B. All entries must be heat processed following canning guidelines in the Ball Canning book, So Easy to Preserve Book, or USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning. The two approved methods are: boiling water canning for high-acid foods and steam pressure canning for low acid foods. Paraffin seals not accepted.

C. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation, processing method and length of processing time. Home canned foods to be judged must have been prepared within one year of the current Fall Festival season.

D. All entries must be accompanied by 3 x 5 card with name of the product, the ingredient listing and canning process (i.e. Water bath or Pressure canned with processing time listed) and canning date printed in ink or typewritten. The exhibitor’s name, address, age and phone number should be printed clearly on the back of the card. Entries will not be judged without the ingredient listing.

E. Only regulation canning jars will be judged. Canned food containers must be designed for canning purposes. Canned food can be exhibited in quart or pint jars. Jellies & jams can be shown in tall, pint or 4 oz. Jelly glasses with approved canning lids.

F. Canned non-acid foods (vegetables, poultry, fish & meats) must be canned in a pressure canner following recommended current Ball Canning book, So Easy to Preserve book or USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning directions.

G. No external ornamentation is permitted (i.e., lid covers, ribbons, etc.). All entries will be judged per the following criteria: a single entry in a division will not be considered an automatic first place winner and will be judged according to the following criteria:

1. Technical:
   a. Proper head space (the amount of air space between the lid of the jar and the jars product.)
   b. Proper seal of the canning lid to the jar. (Any product that has a poor or failed to seal, and/or mold, leakage will be disqualified from any further judging.)
   c. The color of the product. (Canned items with gross colorization changes within the jar may not be judged based solely upon the judge’s discretion.).

2. Visual presentation
   a. The overall appearance of the product i.e. color, uniformity of the jars contents.

3. Taste
   a. All products meeting the above standards shall be judged by the products taste.

Each of the above criteria shall be judged on a 5 point rating scale. (1 2 3 4 5) 1 being the least and 5 being the most. The totals of each of the three criteria shall be totaled for the final score.

The judging for the canned foods shall be done by a judge having food preservation training. All judging and scoring by the judge shall be final.

Information relating to the proper canning methods, processing times, and altitude adjustments, proper head space can be found at the following National Food Preservation website: [http://nchfp.uga.edu/index.html](http://nchfp.uga.edu/index.html)
SECTION P: PRESERVED FOODS

Lot 70: Canned Fruit
1. Applesauce
2. Stone Fruits
3. Berries
4. Citrus
5. Tomatoes
6. Other

Lot 71: Canned Vegetables (pressure canned)
1. Root vegetables
2. Squash/pumpkin varieties
3. Beans
4. Other

Lot 72: Canned Juice
1. Fruit (any kind)
2. Vegetable (any kind)

Lot 73: Dehydrated Foods
1. Fruits
2. Vegetables
3. Herbs/spices
4. Jerky
5. Other

Lot 74: Pickled/Smoked Foods
1. Meat
2. Fish
3. Other

Lot 75: Pickled Fruit

Lot 76: Pickled Vegetables
1. Cucumber, bread & butter
2. Cucumber, dill
3. Cucumber, sweet
4. Beets
5. Peppers
6. Other

Lot 77: Jams, Preserves & Fruit Butters
1. Stone fruit (peaches, apricots, cherry)
2. Apple
3. Berry (any kind)
4. Mixed fruit
5. Citrus marmalade
6. Fruit butter
7. Other

Lot 78: Jellies
1. Apple
2. Berries (any)
3. Grape
4. Pomegranate
5. Cactus
6. Mixed fruit
7. Other

Lot 79: Honey/Syrup
1. Honey
2. Syrup

Lot 80: Relishes & Sauces
1. Chutney
2. Pepper
3. Zucchini
4. Corn
5. Salsa
6. Other

Lot 81: Sauces
1. Chili sauces
2. BBQ sauces
3. Other

Lot 82: Gourmet
1. Wine
2. Cheese
3. Other
FOOD DIVISION (SECTION R) JUDGING CRITERIA

Each of the above criteria shall be judged on a 5 point rating scale. (1 2 3 4 5) 1 being the least and 5 being the most. The totals of each of the three criteria shall be totaled for the final score. All judging and scoring by the judges shall be final.

**All Section R entries to be submitted on a paper plate covered with plastic wrap.**

SECTION R: CONFECTIONERS & BAKING

Lot 83: Yeast Breads (1 unsliced loaf or 4 rolls)
1. Bread, sourdough
2. Bread, white
3. Bread, other varieties
4. Bread, machine made
5. Rolls, any variety
6. Rolls, machine made
7. Other

Lot 84: Quick Breads (1 unsliced loaf or 4 rolls)
1. Fruit
2. Nut
3. Vegetable
4. Biscuit, any variety
5. Muffins, any variety
6. Other

Lot 85: Specialty Breads
1. Coffee cake
2. Stollen
3. Tea ring, braid, etc.
4. Other

Lot 86: Cakes
1. Pound
2. Fruit
3. Bundt
4. Cupcakes (4)
5. Other

Lot 87: Decorated Baked Goods
(Not to be tasted, for display only)
1. Birthday
2. Holiday
3. Novelty
4. Wedding
5. Other

Lot 88: Cookies (3)
1. Brownies
2. Other bar
3. Oatmeal
4. Chocolate chip
5. Other drop
6. Rolled cookies
7. Molded cookies
8. Other

Lot 89: Candy (6 pieces)
1. Fudge
2. Marzipan
3. Peanut Brittle
4. Toffee
5. Caramel
6. Other

Lot 90: Pies & Pastry (8” or 9” pie)
1. Two Crust
   a. Fruit
   b. Other
2. One Crust
   a. Fruit
   b. Vegetable
   c. Other
3. Lattice or crumb crust
   a. Fruit
   b. Vegetable
   c. Other
HORTICULTURE DIVISION (SECTIONS S & T) JUDGING CRITERIA  
A. Each entry must be of the same variety  
B. Eligible section entries should be entered on an 8” or 9” paper plate for display & in the quantity indicated in parentheses  
C. Check individual class for the number of items required to be submitted for exhibit  
D. Fruits & vegetables will be cut at the judge’s discretion  
E. Plants must be in the exhibitor’s possession for at least three (3) months  
F. The following categories will be judged for:  
   (1) Comparison to standard  (2) Overall Appearance  (3) Uniformity  

Each of the above criteria shall be judged on a 5 point rating scale. (1 2 3 4 5) 1 being the least and 5 being the most. The totals of each of the three criteria shall be totaled for the final score. All judging and scoring by the judges shall be final.  

SECTION S: HORTICULTURE  
Lot 91: Fruits & Pod Vegetables  
1. Beans, any variety (6)  
2. Okra (6)  
3. Peas (5 pod)  
4. Peppers, Bell (3)  
5. Peppers, Chili (5)  
6. Other (3)  
Lot 92: Fruit and Vegetables  
1. Eggplant (1)  
2. Tomato, mature green (3)  
3. Tomato, red (3)  
4. Tomato, cherry (6)  
5. Other (3)  
Lot 93: Leafy & Stem Vegetables  
1. Chard, Swiss (1 bunch)  
2. Corn, sweet (3 ears)  
3. Rhubarb (3 stalks)  
4. Other  
Lot 94: Root, Bulb & Tubers  
1. Beets (3)  
2. Carrots (3)  
3. Garlic (3)  
4. Onions, green (1 bunch, tied)  
5. Onions, other  
6. Radishes  
7. Other  
Lot 95: Vine Crop Vegetables  
1. Cucumbers (3)  
2. Cucumbers, pickling (1)  
3. Squash, Spaghetti (1)  
4. Squash, Zucchini  
   a. Up to 6” (4)  
   b. 6” to 12” (2)  
5. Other  
Lot 96: Melon Vine Crops  
1. Melon, Cantaloupe (1)  
2. Melon, honeydew (1)  
3. Watermelon (1)  
4. Other  
Lot 97: Fruits  
1. Apples (3)  
2. Peaches (3)  
3. Plums (3)  
4. Other  
Lot 98: Novelty  
1. Largest Fruit  
2. Largest root, bulb or other tuber  
3. Largest vine crop  
4. Most unusual  
Lot 99: Nuts & Seeds  
1. Almonds (3 whole & 3 shelled)  
2. Pistachio (3 whole & 3 shelled)  
3. Nuts, other (3 whole & 3 shelled)  
4. Seeds  
Lot 100: Herbs  
1. Fresh, in water  
2. Potted  
3. Other
SECTION T - ORNAMENTALS DIVISIONS JUDGING CRITERIA:

Ornamentals will be judged for:
   1. Appearance
   2. Harmony
   3. Suitability of container

Each of the above criteria shall be judged on a 5 point rating scale. (1 2 3 4 5) 1 being the least and 5 being the most. The totals of each of the three criteria shall be totaled for the final score. All judging and scoring by the judges shall be final.

SECTION T: ORNAMENTALS

Lot 101: Cut Plant Material
   1. Branch-tree, shrub or vine
   2. Cut flowers
   3. Roses
   4. Other

Lot 102: Container Plants
   1. Flowering plants
   2. Plant grown for foliage
   3. Cacti
   4. Succulent
   5. Bromeliad
   6. Dish gardens
   7. Other

Lot 103: Flower Arrangement
   1. Fresh
   2. Dried
   3. Artificial
   4. Other