CEREALS
(And Forage Crops)

ENTRY DEADLINE – AUGUST 8, 2023

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To keep the Interstate Fair new and exciting for not only our guests but also for you…the exhibitor, we continue to make changes throughout the fair. We feel strongly that these changes will create educational experiences, provide opportunities to showcase your amazing handiwork, and continue to strengthen the fair as a whole.

Should you have some spare hours to share in September, we would ask you to consider joining our team and attending the Job Fair scheduled for July. We could use your expertise! Again, thank you for being a part of this year’s Interstate Fair! Below is a list of this year’s changes to the Cereals / Crops Department. We’ll see you in September!

1. Only one bale is required for entry into Class 7 (Forage Hay) beginning in 2023. Entry must be a regularly-sized bale or an over-sized bale.

**Special Acknowledgements**

The Spokane County Interstate Fair would like to thank those that helped make this year’s event a success. Without willing contributors and volunteers, the show would not have been possible.

**WORK AT THE INTERSTATE FAIR**

Spokane County Interstate Fair hires employees for the Fair as ticket sellers, ticket takers, department clerks, and janitorial. If you are interested…please attend our Job Fair scheduled for July 12 (3:00 to 6:00 p.m.).
On behalf of the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center Advisory Board, I would like to thank you for being a part of the 2023 Spokane County Interstate Fair. Last year, over 210,000 people visited the Interstate Fair and we are truly looking forward to another exciting year! The competitive exhibits program (everything that is at the fair to be judged) is one very important piece in the giant puzzle we work together to create each year and we consider it a privilege to showcase the talents of our community and want to thank you for being a part of the event.

We are very excited for the return of Grandstand Events this year including the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo on September 8-9 and three nights of concerts including Clint Black and Craig Morgan (September 12), Martina McBride (September 13), and X-Ambassadors (September 14). The arena will then transform for the final weekend of motorsports which will include Truck and Tractor Pulls (September 15) and two nights of Demolition Derby (September 16-17).

I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, staff, and community groups who work tirelessly each year to make the Fair a memorable experience for the whole family. We encourage you to return to the Interstate Fair to view your handiwork on display (hopefully with a special rosette attached) and to enjoy the rest of the experience including the food, rides, vendors, animals, and entertainment. From all of us, good luck on your entry and thank you for your continued support of the Spokane County Interstate Fair...we'll see you in September!

Kary Gibbs
Advisory Board Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

As one of Spokane's largest annual events, the Interstate Fair strives to be a place where one can visit the past, explore the future, and enjoy the wonders of the present in a single location by:

- Promoting public education related to our agricultural heritage;
- Serving as a showcase of the talents of our community by providing a means of education, exhibit, and competition;
- Promoting family-oriented entertainment and activities;
- Providing superior customer service and an enjoyable experience;
- Recognizing the vast cultural diversity of our participants and visitors;
- Providing commercial opportunities that showcase information and new products related to agriculture, outdoor living, and other local interests;
- Being innovative and creative in planning and growth in a secure and fiscally responsible way; and
- Providing a safe and friendly environment.
CEREALS / FORAGE

ADULT - DEPARTMENT P
YOUTH - DEPARTMENT PP

ALL ENTRIES
August 8 / Tuesday – Entry Forms Due
September 5 / Tuesday (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) – Arrive
September 6 / Wednesday (8:00 a.m.) – Judging of Cereals
September 7 / Thursday (9:00 a.m.) – Judging of Forage
September 18 / Monday (9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) – Release

CEREALS AND FORAGE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

COMPLETING ENTRY FORMS: All exhibitors must use entry form found at the conclusion of the book and they must be postmarked on or before August 8, to Fair Entries, 404 N Havana Street Ste 1, Spokane Valley WA 99202-4663. Particular care should be given in the preparation of all entry forms. Full and correct information must be given. Staff will be available in the Ag Building from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on August 8 to assist you with your entry form if needed.

ARRIVING AT THE FAIR: Please take exhibits to the south door of Building A of the Expo Complex (Ag. Building) accessible from the South Gate off Havana Street, then through the Yellow Gate just east of Avista Stadium.

PASSES / TICKETS: Care of the exhibit items is not required during the operating days of the Fair, thus passes and tickets will not be distributed. Exhibitors are encouraged to purchase discounted tickets at the Fair Office beginning in July and running through September 7.

EXHIBITING AT THE FAIR: The Department Superintendent and/or Fair Coordinator may exclude an exhibit from being exhibited at the Fair if it is not properly prepared. Each exhibit shall be placed according to the decision of the judge and such placing shall be final. Anyone interfering with a judge will forfeit the right of prize money. Any protest regarding the judging shall be made in writing and must be accompanied by a $25.00 deposit. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Fair Office within 24 hours after the cause of the protest. If the Fair sustains the appeal, the fee will be refunded. The Fair reserves the right to cancel or combine classes/lots as needed, as well as substitute judges. Classes/ lots may be combined or cancelled due to number of entries. If there is no competition in a class/lot for two years, the class/lot may be dropped.

EXHIBITING AT THE FAIR (Additional Youth Information): Youth exhibitors must not be under 5 years of age or over 18 years of age as of 01/01/23. Awards in all classes/ lots will be made on a point system, listed for each exhibit. The money per point will be the same for all exhibits and will be calculated by dividing all prize money by the total points awarded.

FURTHER INFORMATION: The following information is provided to further clarify.

- Exhibitor may make only one (1) entry in any one lot - except as described below. Exhibitors are NOT limited only to entries as described in each class, but instead are encouraged to enter additional exhibits in their proper class under lot listed "other". More than one entry will be permitted in the "other" lot as long as each entry is a different variety and entered as sub lot. For example: Lot 4 - Other (Marfed), Lot 4a - Other (Ideaed), Lot 4b - Other (Federation).
- Items entered for judging must have been made (or finished), prepared or grown and cared for by the exhibitor during the past year, since September 2021.
- Each entry tag must be properly completed with (a) name of exhibitor, (b) exhibitor number, (c) variety, (d) class number, and (e) lot number.
- Judges have the right to open any container.
- Forage Crops will be judged on maturity (cut at appropriate time), color (bright or natural color, free from sunburn or moisture stains), condition (good, merchantable order, free from dust, excessive moisture or damage), and aroma (characteristic of the forage, sweet, free of mustiness).

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: Please pickup exhibits via the south door of Building A of the Expo Complex (Ag. Building) accessible from the South Gate off Havana Street, then through the Yellow Gate just east of Avista Stadium. Exhibitors must present claim ticket when picking up their exhibit and must not remove exhibit unless superintendent or assistant is present to check out the exhibit. No exhibit shall be withdrawn before Monday, September 18. If you have not left the office a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your prize money check and would like us to mail your check to you, you may leave the envelope with the department clerk upon picking up your exhibits.

PRIZE MONEY: Only exhibits listed in the Exhibitor’s Guide will be accepted for prize money awards. For prize money, judge may or may not award all placings according to their discretion. Awards will be based on judges’ records. Ribbons and tags shall not be considered proof for payment of prize money awards. Prize money will be forfeited by exhibitors failing to adhere to the release times printed in the Exhibitor’s Guide. Prize money checks may be picked up at the Fair Office between October 15 and 31 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Checks remaining after October 31 and/or checks not cashed by November 30 will become forfeited and considered a donation to the SCF&EC. To clarify, the checks will not be considered
“abandoned” property under Chapter 63.29 RCW, but will be a donation by the payee to the SCF&EC. Checks will NOT be issued or re-issued after November 30. If you are unable to pick up your prize money check, you may mail the office a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a request for us to mail your check. Prize money will be paid according to the following point system:

| CLASS 1 / Lots 1-36 and 42: | Blue – 50 pts | Red – 37 pts | White – 25 pts |
| CLASS 2 / Lots 1-36 and 42: | Blue – 50 pts | Red – 37 pts | White – 25 pts |
| CLASS 4 / Lot 41: | Blue – 50 pts | Red – 37 pts | White – 25 pts |
| CLASS 5 / Lots 1-32: | Blue – 50 pts | Red – 37 pts | White – 25 pts |
| CLASS 6 / Lots 1-32: | Blue – 50 pts | Red – 37 pts | White – 25 pts |
| CLASS 7 / Lots 1-6: | Blue – 100 pts | Red – 75 pts | White – 50 pts |
| CLASS 8 / Lots 1-2: | Blue – 50 pts | Red – 37 pts | White – 25 pts |

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Adult** - A trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor receiving the greatest total points for Class 1 (Threshed Grains). A trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor receiving the greatest total points for Class 2 (Sheaf Grains). A trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor receiving the greatest total points for Classes 5 & 6 (Forage Exhibits Combined).

**Youth** - A Trophy will be awarded to the youth receiving the largest total points for Class 1 (Cereal Threshed Grains). A Trophy will be awarded to the youth receiving the largest total points for Class 2 (Cereal Sheaf Grains). A Trophy will be awarded to the youth receiving the largest total points for Classes 5 and 6 (Forage Exhibits Combined).

**Adult / Youth** – Top Wheat Grower Contest. Contestant must exhibit from 2022 wheat crop. The sweepsstakes wheat samples shall denote the 2022 Top Wheat Grower. Blue ribbon samples from each lot of wheat will be judged as a separate class in order to select the Top Wheat Grower from Departments P or PP. Winner shall receive a belt buckle from the Fair. Criteria for judging the contest will be quality, cleanliness, and size uniformity.

**Adul / Youth** – Top Hay Producer will be awarded from Class 7. The winner will be awarded a belt buckle. The Top Hay Producer will also receive $50.00 (Departments P or P-P). The Overall Reserve Grand Champion Top Hay Producer will receive $25.00.

**SUPERINTENDENT**: Superintendent shall be in full charge of the department to which assigned and shall administer all policies pertaining to the respective department. Superintendent shall have charge of the entries, judge’s sheets, and award sheets and shall be responsible for their being filled out correctly and returned to the Fair Office. Superintendent has authority to discharge exhibits not meeting quality standards. Any protest regarding the duties of Superintendents, MUST be made to the Fair Coordinator.

**ADDITIONAL FAIR INFORMATION**: No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter upon the grounds except from their place of business or exhibit space. No person shall distribute advertising matter upon the grounds, including, “For Sale” signs without Superintendent Approval. A “For Sale” bulletin board will be centrally located within each building / department for exhibitor use. The distribution of handbills, fliers, and heralds will not, under any circumstances, be permitted. Anyone violating this rule is subject to fine or expulsion from the grounds. Begging, soliciting, singing, and/or public speaking are prohibited. All concession space will be sold by the management and application must be made in writing. Under no circumstances will anyone be permitted to operate a concession without a signed agreement. 24-hour guard service is provided during the Fair. The Fair will use every precaution for safe preservation of entries on exhibit, but will not be responsible for loss or damage. Spokane County Sheriff supervises police protection. Spokane Valley Fire Department supervises fire protection. Only seeing-eye dogs or dogs participating in an approved demonstration or commercial booth will be allowed on the grounds. Service animals trained for a specific service to aid the person they are accompanying will be allowed on the grounds. Companion animals will not be permitted. Smoking in the buildings and barns is prohibited. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the grounds except in the Beer Garden.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Washington's farms power a diverse agricultural economy. The following crops are what Washington is best known for!

- Apples ($2.095 billion)
- Milk ($1.193 billion)
- Wheat ($948.6 million)
- Potatoes ($753.4 million)
- Cattle ($692.9 million)
- Cherries ($561.7 million)
- Hay ($500.7 million)
- Hops ($444.9 million)
- Grapes ($302.2 million)
- Eggs ($220.2 million)
CLASS 1 – THRESHED GRAIN
Must be unaltered elevator sample. Judging will be on varietal purity and freedom from inert matter, other crop seed, weed seed, weathering, and fungus; uniformity in size, shape, and color of kernels, characteristic to the variety; test weight, characteristic to the variety. Exhibitor shall furnish a quart size canning jar with wide mouth containing exhibit to constitute an entry. Use lots 1-36 or 42 listed below Class 4.

CLASS 2 – SHEAF GRAIN
Sheaf must be tied in 3 places. Size of sheaf shall be 2” minimum diameter. Sheaves must not be over 30” long. Use lots 1-36 or 42 listed below Class 4.

CLASS 3 – SHEAF PEA / LENTIL / CHICKPEA / OTHER
Sheaf must be tied in three places. Size of sheaf shall be 2” minimum diameter. Sheaves must not be over thirty (30) inches long. Lots will be the same as under threshed grains. Use Lots 37 through 40 listed below Class 4.

CLASS 4 – SHEAF CANOLA SEED
Sheaf must be tied in three places. Size of sheaf 2” minimum diameter. Sheaves shall not be over thirty (30) inches long. Use Lot 41.

CLASS 5 – THRESHED SEED
Seed must be for forage, conservation, or turf production. Entry will consist of pint size canning jar. Sample must be unaltered threshed. Judging will be on the following basis: Varietal purity and freedom from inert matter, other crop seed, weed seed, weathering, fungus; Uniformity in size, shape, and color of kernels, characteristic to the variety. Use lots listed below Class 6.

CLASS 6 – SHEAVES SEED PRODUCTION
Sheaves need to be neatly tied and ready for display. Sheaf must be tied in three places. Grass sheaves - 2” minimum diameter. Grass sheaves shall be less than forty (40) inches in length. In preparing these sheaves, cut as plant approaches maturity and store out of sun with tops down.

CLASS 7 – FORAGE HAY
Any ONE bale will make an exhibit. Judge reserves the right to open the bale for judging and display. Oversized bales (rounds / squares) will be awarded double prize money points.

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GEORGE “Dick” OTT MEMORIAL
2023 TOP HAY PRODUCER CONTEST

Each person entering the competition must enter one (1) regular or one (1) large round or square bale alfalfa no later than Tuesday, September 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Only one (1) entry per field. Final selection of the competitor for “Top Hay Producer” will then be based upon the person who receives the highest composite score. Ribbons for fair prizes on all bales entered will be awarded by the same scoring procedures. Judging and hay analysis evaluations, which are paid for by the Fair, will be based on the following factors. Hay core sample will be taken by the judges on all hay entered into this competition and sent to a hay analyzing laboratory. Scoring includes (1) Test (relative feed value, standard score by each class equals 100%, all entries as a % of standard with 100% maximum, and (2) Visual (ideal for each class, % of ideal, criteria judged on stage of maturity / foreign material / steminess / leafiness / leaf hold / condition including smell / mold / texture / excessive moisture / color / bale appearance). Noxious or poisonous weeds or any evidence of tampering so as to influence or change either the hay analysis or scoring procedures will be just cause and reason to disqualify a competitor (i.e. use of any substance not normally used in the hay making process - coloring or ammonia are not legal, but preservatives are legal). Class and Relative Scoring of Criteria are made up of (1) Legume - greater or equal to 90% legume, 75% test / 180 standard RFV plus 25% visual, (2) Grasses - greater or equal to 90% grass, 50% test / 130 standard RFV plus 50% visual, (3) Grass / Legume - at least 20% grass and at least 20% legume, 67% test / 155 standard RFV plus 33% visual, (4) Timothy - greater or equal to 90% timothy, 40% test / 100 standard RFV plus 60% visual, (5) Legume / Grain - at least 20% legume and 20% grain, 67% test / 145 standard RFV plus 33% visual, or (6) Grain - greater or equal to 90% grain, 50% test / 110 standard RFV plus 50% visual. Each judge will award 0 to 100 points in their independent examination to include but not restricted to (1) Bale appearance and uniformity 0-20 points, (2) Hay maturity and color 0-20 points, (3) Leaf content and foreign matter (i.e. weed content) 0-20 points, (4) Texture, moisture and stem condition 0-20 points, and (5) Smell, taste, and overall quality 0-20 points.

The Top Hay Producer Award is given annually in memory of George “Dick” Ott who groomed and cared for the Hay / Grain Department at the Spokane Interstate Fair for many years. Dick passed away on January 29, 2012. He was born in Pasco and raised in Deer Park where his lifelong love of agriculture was born. He spent his entire career selling fertilizer first for Inland Farmers (19 years) and later for Greenacres Gypsum (20+ years). He graduated from Deer Park High School, attended Spokane Community College, and spent four years in the US Army. He was active with both the Spokane Interstate Fair and AgExpo. Dick was the President of the University SCOPE office. He was the kind of person you could always count on, when need arose he was always there. The Interstate Fair was truly blessed to have Dick as part of its team.

CLASS 8 – HOPS
List the type or variety, if known, on your entry form. Arrangements will be judged based on freshness and quality of the vine. Flowering or Cones will be judged based on level of Lupulin, Coloring, Leaf, and Fragrance.

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SPOKANE COUNTY INTERSTATE FAIR
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – CEREALS / FORAGE
For Departments P (Adult) and PP (Youth)

Exh. # (Leave Blank) __________  Age (Youth Only): ________
Exhibitor’s Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
City / State / Zip: ______________________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________________________
E-Mail Address: ________________________________________________
Have you exhibited since 2020?  O YES  O NO
Please check one:  O ADULT (Dept. P)  O YOUTH (Dept. PP)

Exhibitor acknowledges and agrees to adhere to all rules, regulations, and statements listed in the General Rules as well as rules found within specific departments. Additionally, by submitting this entry form, exhibitor acknowledges that COVID may be present and accepts all associated risks.

Prize money checks will be available for pick-up in the Fair and Expo Center Office from October 15-31 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Should exhibitor desire to have check mailed, please send the Fair a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

I would like to DONATE any prize money received to the Spokane County Interstate Fair.  O YES  O NO
Signature Required if “YES”: __________________________ Date: ________________