

LOCAL RULES

1. The Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos opens on Wednesday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. and closes on Sunday, May 1 at 12:00 midnight.
2. The Fair Administration Building is located at the corner of 4th and F Streets, Los Banos.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINES** (Management reserves the right to close entries according to available space)

JANUARY 6, 2022

MARKET STEERS & DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

MARCH 3, 2022

MARKET SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT,

ALL LIVESTOCK BREEDING ANIMALS, & SHOWMANSHIP

MARCH 31, 2022

RABBITS & POULTRY & SHOWMANSHIP

STILL EXHIBITS

4. **EXHIBITOR ENTRY LIMIT: 40 – LIMIT OF 40 ENTRIES INCLUDE ALL EXHIBIT & LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS.**
5. All entries (except floral walk-ins and special ‘day of’ contests), for the 2022 Merced County Spring Fair must be submitted online by accessing our web site at www.co.merced.ca.us/springfair . Entry fees are non-refundable.
6. The Fair Management is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur for entries.
7. Livestock Exhibitors may participate showing no more than three (3) of the following Breeding Livestock: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Goat, Sheep, Avian or Rabbit. Limit per Exhibitor: Total of nine (9) breeding animals.
8. Livestock Exhibitors are allowed to enter, show, and/or sell (eligible and judged market ready animals) only (1) one of the following Market Animals:
 - Replacement Heifer
 - Market Steer
 - Market Hog
 - Market Lamb
 - Market Goat
 - Rabbit Meat Pen
 - Rabbit Single Fryer
 - Avian Meat Pen
9. Checks will be made payable to “Exhibitor/Owner” submitted with online entry
10. All premium checks not cashed within 90 days of the date issued, will be revoked. Checks not cashed within the 90 days of issue will be VOIDED
11. No passenger vehicles will be allowed to park in other than designated areas at any time. Vehicles parked in other areas may be towed away at the expense of the owner.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by all Local and State Rules.
13. All State Rules for California Fairs as established by the Division of Fairs & Expositions apply www.cdfa.ca.gov
14. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of Judges, Veterinarians, Weighmasters, Livestock Superintendent and Timers cannot be protested and are final.
15. All protests must be presented to the Management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation, or 24 hours after the results are available to the public of exhibits judged pre-fair.
16. Protest must be accompanied by a \$500 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check) which will be returned only if the protest is determined valid.
17. Protest and appropriate action are decided by the Fair’s Board of Directors or designees in a timely manner.
18. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to Fairs and Expositions.
19. Exhibitors in the Senior Departments will be limited to residents of Merced County. Exhibitors in the Junior Departments are open only to children who reside in Merced County and/or attend a Merced County School. Directors, Fair Managers, and/or their spouses are not eligible to exhibit at their own county fair.
20. Exhibitors who engage in foods or baking confections as a profession (including catering and teaching) are **not eligible** to enter in any foods or baking divisions.

JUDGING SYSTEMS

DANISH JUDGING: based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets those standards, rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

<i>Placing</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Ribbon</i>
Group 1	Superior	92-100	Blue
Group 2	Good	84-91	Red
Group 3	Average	70-83	White
Group 4	Poor	69-0	No ribbon

AMERICAN JUDGING: Judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award 1-first placing, 1-second, 1-third, etc.

All placings are awarded at the discretion of the judge and are not required to be given if not merited

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Pre-school through 5th grade Exhibitor entries will be judged according to the Danish System of judging. These groups will receive ribbons only. There are no entry fees and no premiums paid.

6th grade through 9th grade Exhibitor entries will be judged according to the American System of judging.

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1. Entries are open only to children who are not 18 years of age as of January 1, 2022,.
2. All entries in these divisions must have been made or produced by the exhibitor.
3. Entries must be submitted online for entry. The online signature agreement of a parent or guardian is required.
4. State and local rules apply to all entries, and score cards in corresponding Senior and Junior Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
5. In all Junior Divisions using the Danish System, the following guidelines shall be used by judges:

<i>Placing</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Ribbon</i>
Group 1	Superior	92-100	Blue
Group 2	Good	84-91	Red
Group 3	Average	70-83	White
Group 4	Poor	69-0	No ribbon

JUNIOR OUTDOOR GARDEN DIVISION

1. **LIMIT: (1) entry per Exhibitor per class.**
2. Open to junior gardeners through high school: individuals, clubs, schools, and organizations.
3. **Gardens must be designed, constructed and installed only by person, persons, and club or organization members of whose name appears on entry.** Leaders or Instructors may supervise only.
4. Garden space is limited. Gardens will be assigned on a first come first served basis.
5. Gardens must be completed by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25th. Monday, May 2nd, gardens must be torn down, all items removed and space returned to original state. **Checks will not be issued until gardens are cleared.**
6. Exhibits to be maintained in fresh state with replacement of any and all dead and deteriorating material. **Gardens will be watered by fair personnel only.**
7. Garden space plantings must be planted in the ground.
8. Absolutely no dyed, artificial, or painted flowers. Material used must be in its natural form.
9. Space allotted will be approximately 100 square feet.
10. Work Schedule: Starting April 21-25, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m., Signs need to be displayed with exhibitor or club name. No advertising allowed on sign. Sign cannot exceed 18"x24" We will cover signs for judging.

11. All gardening equipment, wagons, wheelbarrows, tools, soil, unused plants or floral material, etc must be removed from gardens no later than 6pm April 25th. Any items left behind will become the property of the fair.
12. Nothing may be added or removed from your garden after 6pm April 25th.

GARDENS

RECEIVING

GERMINO BLDG.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 – MONDAY, APRIL 25

JUDGING

April 26

ENTRIES RELEASED FROM 10:00 am to 6:00 pm ON MONDAY, MAY 2

***BEST OF SHOW – ROSETTE
OUTSTANDING 4-H OR FFA GARDEN PROJECT***

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$200	\$150	\$100

American System of Judging

LIMIT: (1) entry will be accepted per exhibitor per class.

DIVISION 100: JUNIOR OUTDOOR GARDENS

- Class:
1. Individual 15 & Up
 2. Individual 14 & Under
 3. Group/Organization
 4. FFA Chapter
 5. 4-H Club

JUNIOR CONTAINER GARDENS

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$20	\$15	\$10

LIMIT: (1) entry will be accepted per exhibitor per class. Amateur gardeners only.

Exhibitor must provide container. NO dyed, artificial, or painted flowers. Materials must be in their natural form.

DIVISION 101: Jr. GARDEN IN A WHEELBARROW OR WAGON (use standard size wagon or wheelbarrow)

- Class:
1. Individual
 2. Group

JUNIOR ARRANGEMENTS

1. **LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.**
2. All arrangements must contain fresh flowers or fresh plant material. Accessories and figurines can be used whenever needed.
3. No fresh native plants may be used in flower arrangements unless they are home grown.
4. Arrangements must be maintained during period shown.
5. **Best of Show** award available for GRADES 6-12 ONLY.

JUNIOR ARRANGEMENTS

BEST OF SHOW JUNIOR ARRANGEMENTS \$25

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 102: ARRANGEMENT, GRADES K-2

DIVISION 103: ARRANGEMENT, GRADES 3-5

DIVISION 104: ARRANGEMENT, GRADES 6-8

DIVISION 105: ARRANGEMENT, GRADES 9-12

Class: 1. Exhibitors Choice

DIVISION 106: MINIATURE ARRANGEMENT, ANY AGE

(Not to exceed 5" overall, design in miniature 60% for scale) RIBBON ONLY

- Class: 1. Secret Garden
2. High Tea

JUNIOR FLORICULTURE DIVISIONS 107-110

1. **LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.**
2. **COLOR IN A POT:** Decorate a standard 6-inch or 8 inch terra cotta pot and plant it with well-established seasonal flower(s). CONTAINER MUST HAVE A SAUCER
3. Please write your name on the bottom of the pot.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 107: COLOR IN A POT

- Class: 1. GRADES K-2
2. GRADES 3-5
3. GRADES 6-8
4. GRADES 9-12

DIVISION 108: FAIRY GARDEN

Using a container of any shape, not to exceed 42" in circumference. Must include miniature accessories.

- Class: 1. GRADES K-2
2. GRADES 3-5
3. GRADES 6-8
4. GRADES 9-12

DIVISION 109: MILK JUG PLANTER

Convert a plastic milk jug into a planter.

- Class: 1. GRADES K-2
 2. GRADES 3-5

DIVISION 110: MR. OR MRS. POTATO HEAD

Create and enter your own Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head using any type of fresh potato.

- Class: 1. Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head

KIDS MINI SCARECROW CONTEST

Mini Scarecrows must not exceed 18 inches tall. Exhibit must be on a stick, dowel, paint stirrer or other sturdy stake that can be inserted into soil for display purposes. Paper, fabric, buttons or other mediums may be used to decorate your character.

DIVISION 111: MINI SCARECROW

- Class: 1. Mini Scarecrow (5th grade & under)
 2. Mini Scarecrow (6th grade & above)

JUNIOR HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

BAKED GOODS & CONFECTIONS

LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class, provided a different recipe is used for each entry

Minimum Quantities: Breads: ½ loaf
 Confections: ½ pound, Pie: One 7" or 8" pie
 Cake: ½ cake, plus one slice
 Cookies, biscuits, rolls: ½ dozen

DIVISION 112: GRADES K-2**DIVISION 113: GRADES 3-5****DIVISION 114: GRADES 6-8****DIVISION 115: GRADES 9-12**

- Class: 1. Breads, any kind
 2. Cake, any kind
 3. Cookies, any kind
 4. Candy, any kind
 5. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 117: TRICKS WITH A MIX

Begin with a packaged mix and change it. Recipe **MUST** be submitted with exhibit when brought to the fairgrounds.

- Class: 1. GRADES K-2
 2. GRADES 3-5
 3. GRADES 6-8
 4. GRADES 9-12

DIVISION 116: CAKE DECORATING, ANY THEME

Judged on Decorating – cake forms are allowed

- Class: 1. GRADES K-2
 2. GRADES 3-5
 3. GRADES 6-8
 4. GRADES 9-12

PRESERVED FOOD DIVISIONS

LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class, provided a different recipe is used for each entry

Exhibitor must bring two jars per entry, one for tasting and one for display. To prevent waste, open jars may be picked up after judging.

Entry must list the type of product and the method or process used. Low acid foods must be canned under pressure. Jar labels should list the type of product and process used. Dried products should be wrapped in clear plastic or sealed jars.

No parafin seals, only standard canning jars with lids will be accepted.

PRESERVED FOOD DIVISIONS

DIVISION 118: GRADES K-2

DIVISION 119: GRADES 3-5

DIVISION 120: GRADES 6-8

DIVISION 121: GRADES 9-12

CANNED FRUIT

- Class:
1. Apricots
 2. Peaches
 3. Pears
 4. Tomatoes
 5. Any other fruit, identify on entry

DIVISION 122: GRADES K-2

DIVISION 123: GRADES 3-5

DIVISION 124: GRADES 6-8

DIVISION 125: GRADES 9-12

PICKLES AND RELISHES

- Class:
1. Cucumber, sweet pickles
 2. Dill Pickles
 3. Vegetables, mixed, pickled
 4. Relish, identify on entry
 5. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 126: GRADES K-2

DIVISION 127: GRADES 3-5

DIVISION 128: GRADES 6-8

DIVISION 129: GRADES 9-12

JAMS AND JELLIES

- Class:
1. Apricot, plain jam
 2. Apricot, pineapple jam
 3. Strawberry jam
 4. Any other jam, identify on entry
 5. Any jelly, identify on entry

JUNIOR TABLE SETTINGS CONTEST

1. **LIMIT: (1) entry per exhibitor per class.**
2. Space allowed: Card table, exhibitor provides.
3. Perishable foods will not be permitted.
4. All tables are limited to four place settings.
5. Menu must be furnished on the table for display.
6. You may show company and pattern names of china, crystal and silver used and any other information, which might be of interest to viewers. This information should be submitted on 5" X 8" card, neatly lettered or typed.
7. Centerpiece of flowers, fruit or plant material may be used.
8. **Best of Show** award available for GRADE 6-12 ONLY..

BEST OF SHOW JUNIOR TABLE SETTINGS \$30

**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS
FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY**

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$5	\$4	\$3

DIVISION 130: JUNIOR TABLE SETTINGS – EXHIBITOR CHOICE THEME – MUST SPECIFY THEME

- Class:
1. GRADES K-2
 2. GRADES 3-5
 3. GRADES 6-8
 4. GRADES 9-12

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES DIVISIONS

LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class, provided a different pattern is used for each entry. All articles entered must be cleaned and pressed.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY		
1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 131: GRADE 5 AND UNDER

DIVISION 132: GRADES 6-8

DIVISION 133: GRADES 9-12

- Class:
1. Any article, wearing apparel
 2. Stuffed item (pillow, cushion or toy)
 3. Any other, identify on entry

JUNIOR ARTS AND CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

1. LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.

2. All entries in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor.
3. Entries must be matted or mounted and ready for hanging. No wood or metal frames will be accepted, unless the entry is done in oil or acrylic. Call 826-5166, Exhibits Supervisor, with questions regarding matting, mounting or hanging.
4. Description of exhibit must be on entry.

JUNIOR ARTS DIVISIONS

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY		
1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 134: PRE-SCHOOL

DIVISION 135: GRADES K-2

DIVISION 136: GRADES 3-5

- Class:
1. Chalk/Pastel
 2. Crayon
 3. Charcoal
 4. Felt pen
 5. Finger-paint
 6. Mixed media
 7. Poster paint or watercolor

8. Prints
9. Pen or pencil
10. Rubber stamp art
11. Tissue art
12. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 137: GRADES 6-8**DIVISION 138: GRADES 9-12**

- Class:
1. Chalk/Pastel
 2. Crayon
 3. Charcoal
 4. Felt pen
 5. Mixed media
 6. Poster paint or watercolor
 7. Pen or pencil
 8. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 139: GROUP ENTRY*NO PREMIUMS OFFERED, NO ENTRY FEE.*

Ribbons only. One project by a group, Pre-school, elementary, junior high or any other junior group. Entry on flame retardant paper 2' x 3' to up to 7' x 7'. Only one name per entry.

- Class:
1. Painting
 2. Paper quilt
 3. Any other, identify on entry

JUNIOR CRAFTS DIVISION**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 140: PRE-SCHOOL

- Class:
1. Clay
 2. Decorated Frames
 3. Decorations, Christmas, holidays, etc.
 4. Needlepoint
 5. Papier mache
 6. Paper sculpture
 7. Woodwork
 8. Any other, identify on entry

**DIVISION 143: GRADES 6-8**

- Class:
1. Clay
 2. Decorated Frames
 3. Decorations, Christmas, holidays, etc.
 4. Knitting
 5. Needlepoint
 6. Papermache
 7. Scrapbook
 8. Woodwork
 9. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 141: GRADES K - 2

- Class:
1. Clay
 2. Decorated Frames
 3. Decorations, Christmas, holidays, etc.
 4. Needlepoint
 5. Papier mache
 6. Paper sculpture
 7. Knitting
 8. Scrapbook
 9. Woodwork
 10. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 144: GRADES 9-12

- Class:
1. Clay/Ceramics, handmade carved or cut out
 2. Clay/Ceramics, handmade figurine
 3. Clay/Ceramics handmade pots or containers
 4. Clay/Ceramics handmade any other item, identify on entry
 5. Clay, pre molded
 6. Decorated Frames
 7. Decorations, Christmas, holidays, etc.
 8. Knitting
 9. Scrapbook
 10. Woodwork
 11. Any other, identify on entry

DIVISION 142: GRADES 3-5

- Class:
1. Clay
 2. Decorated Frames
 3. Decorations, Christmas, holidays, etc.
 4. Missions
 5. Needlepoint
 6. Papier mache
 7. Paper sculpture
 8. Knitting
 9. Scrapbook
 10. Woodwork
 11. Any other, identify on entry

TOOTHPICK STRUCTURE

Must use minimum of 200 toothpicks. May use non-toothpick objects for decoration only, not to exceed 10% of materials. Toothpicks must be wooden. Structure must be securely glued, the Fair will not be responsible for breakage. Provide a brief write up describing the structure and the number of toothpicks used.

DIVISION 145: TOOTHPICK STRUCTURE

CLASS:

1. 6 yrs and under
2. 7-11yrs
3. 12-17 yrs

DECORATED BIRDHOUSE CONTEST

Decorate a Birdhouse of any size.. Entries will be judged on:

- . Craftmanship
- . Imaginative theme or concept and use of form, texture, and/or color composition, and execution
- . Functionality for birds (hole, roof, chamber, etc)

DIVISION 146: FLIGHT OF FANCY

- Class
1. Homemade Birdhouse
 2. Purchased Birdhouse

PAINTED ROCK CONTEST

Find a rock and paint it with any design or theme.

DIVISION 147: PAINTED ROCK CONTEST

Class : 1. Any rock not to exceed 12" circumference

JUNIOR CRAFTS MISCELLANEOUS

DIVISION 148: JUNIOR CRAFTS, DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED

This division is open to challenged persons with physical or learning disabilities who have not reached their 18th birthday.

Class: 1. Any project, identify on entry

DIVISION 149: HOBBY AND COLLECTIONS

Space available per exhibit is limited to one display case.

- Class:
1. Hobby; group of 10 or more items which the exhibitor has made or worked on.
 2. Collection; group of 10 or more items collected by the exhibitor.

JUNIOR SPECIAL CONTESTS

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING. NO ENTRY FEES, NO PREMIUMS PAID

LIMIT: 1 entry per Exhibitor per Class

MOMMY AND ME

EXHIBITORS 4 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER

Working together and creating fun is the goal of this project – Entry consists of 1 to 3 items for judging an display

DIVISION 150: MOMMY AND ME

Class: 1. Ceramics

2. Handprint Memories
3. Any other craft, specify

INTERLOCKING BUILDING TOYS

Entries must be mounted on a stationary display board and securely constructed. Gluing pieces is preferred.

DIVISION 151: INTERLOCKING BUILDING TOYS (LEGOS, K'NEX, ETC.)

- Class:
1. Original design – under 150 pieces
 2. Original design – over 151 pieces and up
 3. Kit – under 150 pieces
 4. Kit – 151 pieces and up

JUNIOR FINE ARTS DIVISION

1. **LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.**
2. All entries in these divisions **MUST** be original. No wet paintings accepted.
3. Entries may be framed and must be ready for hanging. No wood or metal frames will be accepted, unless the entry is done in oil or acrylic. Call 826-5166, Exhibits Supervisor, with questions regarding matting, mounting or hanging.
4. Exhibitor must label the back of the entry including title, medium, Exhibitor name and address.

JUDGES AWARD OF MERIT \$25

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 152: JUNIOR FINE ART

- Class:
1. Mixed Media
 2. Oil or Acrylic
 3. Pen and Ink
 4. Watercolor
- Class:
5. Sculpture
 6. Pencil
 7. Charcoal
 8. Any other, identify on entry

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

1. **LIMIT: (8) entries per exhibitor per class.** Photos must not have been exhibited at any Merced County Fair.
2. **NO GLASS or FRAMES.** All photos must be mounted and matted, or they will be judged but not displayed
3. The fair will attach Velcro on the back of photos for display during fair.

JUDGES AWARD OF MERIT \$25

DIVISION 153: JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY – GRADES K-2

DIVISION 154: JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY – GRADES 3-5

DIVISION 155: JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY – GRADES 6-8

DIVISION 156: JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY – GRADES 9-12

- Class:
1. Animals
 2. Digitally enhanced photography
 3. Landscape
 4. People
 5. Any other, identify on entry

SELFIES

Exhibitor must be the Photographer of the photo and the main person/subject in the photo for entry. The photo entry must be a minimum of 5 x 7 and mounted. **Limit 2 per class.**

DIVISION 157: SELFIES

- Class: 1. Selfie - Individual
2. Selfie – Group of 2 or more

My Silly Pet Photo

Share a photo of your pet caught in the act of looking silly or doing something out of the ordinary

DIVISION 158: My Silly Pet Photo

- Class: 1. Any Pet

JUNIOR INDUSTRIAL ARTS

LIMIT: (4) entries per exhibitor per class, provided a different pattern is used for each entry. NO entry may be shown for more than one calendar year

NO GASOLINE ALLOWED IN TANKS WITH GAS ENGINE ENTRIES. Tanks must have OIL and WATER if required for a workable engine.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$3	\$2	\$1

DIVISION 159: WOODS – BENCH AND CABINET

DIVISION 160: WOOD TURNING

DIVISION 161: WOOD – SMALL PROJECTS (Cost of materials not to exceed \$15)

DIVISION 162: WOOD – MEDIUM PROJECTS (Cost of materials \$16 and up)

- Class: 1. Freshman
2. Sophomore
3. Junior
4. Senior

DIVISION 163: WOOD –LARGE PROJECTS (Cost of materials \$101 and up)

- Class: 1. Group or Class project
2. Freshman
3. Sophomore
4. Junior
5. Senior

DIVISION 164: MECHANICAL DRAFTING

DIVISION 165: ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING

DIVISION 166: COMPUTER DRAFTING

- Class: 1. Freshman
2. Sophomore
3. Junior
4. Senior

DIVISION 167: MECHANICAL AUTOMOTIVE

- Class: 1. Engines
2. Any other