

JEFFERSON CO.4-H

# *SPARKS DAY* *2022*

Ignite Your Passion



# *WELCOME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL JEFFERSON COUNTY SPARK DAY!*

The purpose of this competition is to highlight positive youth development in the County and to showcase our local food and producers.

Entries are due in the Extension Office by Wednesday September 14th for judging.

All entries will be displayed at the Jefferson County Open House September 15th. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Extension Office.

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# *INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION*

**Educational Display:** A creative, educational display utilizing photographs, posters, signs, and products to showcase your learning in 4-H. Entries should combine learning from two or more 4-H projects. Displays should utilize a trifold display measuring approximately 37" x 54" x 22"; each panel is 29" x 18. Items may be displayed inside the trifold space. Projects should incorporate youth voice, life skills learned, and the final project.

- Category One- Thriving in 4-H. Display features each 4-Her's growth in their projects. Highlight life skills learned and plans for the future.
- Category Two- Growing with 4-H- Display features how 4-Her's use learning from multiple projects in to advance over-all learning. This can highlight any of your entries in the Products Category, highlighting steps and production methods. For additional ideas please reach out to Jerry at [wilcenski@wisc.edu](mailto:wilcenski@wisc.edu)



# *SPARKS DAY AG PRODUCTS COMPETITION*

## *MEAT/PROTEIN PRODUCTS*

- **Beef-** The goal of this competition is to find the carcass that provides the highest quality beef for a restaurant. **The entry is a one (1) inch “Rib Eye” steak** taken from the 12th rib of each animal entry. Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight, and hanging weight should be included along with breed information.
- **Pork-** The goal of this competition is to find the carcass that provides the highest quality pork for a restaurant. Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight, and hanging weight should be included along with breed information.
  - **Ham- 1” Center Slice**
  - **Bacon 1 lb package.** Bacon may be cured by any accepted method (injected, tumbled or dry cured)





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## *MEAT/PROTEIN PRODUCTS*

- **Lamb-** The goal of this competition is to find the carcass that provides the highest quality lamb for a restaurant. **The entry is a one rib chop.** Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight, and hanging weight should be included along with breed information.
- **Meat Goat-**The goal of this competition is to find the carcass that provides the highest quality chevon for a restaurant. **The entry is a one rib chop.** Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight, and hanging weight should be included along with breed information.

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# *SPARKS DAY AG PRODUCTS COMPETITION*

## *MEAT/PROTEIN PRODUCTS*

**Poultry**-The goal of this competition is to find the carcass that provides the highest quality consumer poultry products. Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight (for carcass birds) along with breed information should be included.

- **Roaster**- USDA Class of Roaster. Dressed weight to be 5.5lbs plus
- **Duck**- USDA Classification of a Roasting Duckling
- **Goose**- USDA Classification of a Young Goose
- **Turkey**- USDA Classification of a Young Turkey
- **Squabs**- Three squabs that fit the USDA classification. Squabs should be harvested right before leaving the nesting box.
- **Table Bird**- Chicken of any classification that will be judged on the quality of the roasted bird.





# *SPARKS DAY AG PRODUCTS COMPETITION*

## *MEAT/PROTEIN PRODUCTS*

### Eggs-

- White Eggs, Best Dozen- Large, XL, Jumbo
- Brown Eggs, Best Dozen - Large, XL, Jumbo
- Assorted Color, Best Dozen- Large, XL, Jumbo

### Rabbit-

The goal of this competition is to find the carcass that provides the highest quality consumer rabbit products and to highlight rabbit as a quality protein source. Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight along with breed information should be included.

- Roaster- USDA classification for Roaster, stewer, or mature rabbit
- Fryer- USDA classification for Fryer or young rabbit.



# ***SPARKS DAY AG PRODUCTS COMPETITION***

## ***HONEY & APIARY PRODUCTS***

- **Liquid (Extracted) Honey-** In one-pound glass queenline jars with appropriate metal or plastic lids. Classes are distinguished by color. Exhibits entered in wrong color class will be moved to correct color class without penalty, at the discretion of the judges. Submit 2 jars, one for judging and one for display, include a notecard with flower source for each entry.
- **1- White honey**
- **2- Light amber honey**
- **3- Amber honey**
- **Natural Beeswax Block-** Clean pure beeswax block, securely sealed in clear plastic wrap. Cast in a one-pound mold. Color should be light, butter yellow.
- **Light Natural Beeswax Block-** Clean pure beeswax block, securely sealed in clear plastic wrap. Cast in a one-pound hexagon beeswax mold. Color should be rich, caramel beige
- **Honey Butters & Spreads With dairy butter-**Processed or refrigerated. Clear, half-pint canning jar, with re-sealable lid. Submit two jars.
- **Flavored honey butter-** Must be processed according to current USDA methods. Clear, half-pint canning jars, with re-sealable lids. Submit two jars.





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## *MAPLE SYRUP*

Maple Syrup- 250ml (8.5oz) Kent glass bottle. Syrup is to be hot packed at 180to 190 degrees Fahrenheit. Submit two bottles.

- Golden/Delicate
- Amber/Rich
- Dark/Robust -
- Very Dark/Strong



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## CANNED PRODUCE

All canned products must be canned in compliance with the current USDA guidelines for safe canning. Any entries not complying with these guidelines will be disqualified. The method of processing, headspace, processing time, date of preparation included on a notecard attached to the entry. Canned products must be canned in standard colorless jars and two-piece lids made for home canning, with new, metal screw bands left on. Two quart jars; tall, slender jars; mayonnaise-type jars; or bottles are not acceptable. All canned entries must be either homegrown or purchased locally. A notation of homegrown or where the produce was purchased must be on the notecard attached. Submit two jars for judging.

- Jam or Jelly– 8 oz.
  - Single Fruit
  - Two or more Fruits
- Pickles- Quart
  - Cucumber Pickles
  - Any other Pickled Vegetable
- Canned Vegetables- Quart. Any vegetable can be used.
- Canned Fruit- Quart. Any fruit can be used.





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## *FOODS*

- **Innovative Baker-** Entries are open to any baked goods that the exhibitor has developed the recipe themselves. A full recipe with measured or weighed ingredients and step by step preparation instructions must be attached to the entry.
- **Jefferson Heritage Baking-** Entries are open to any baked goods that was developed by a family member. This is a way for exhibitors to showcase a family recipe they are proud of. A full recipe with measured or weighed ingredients and step by step preparation instructions must be attached to the entry. Include when the recipe was developed and by what family member.



# *SPARKS DAY AG PRODUCTS COMPETITION*

## *CROPS*

### **Crops Arrangements-**

Only dried plant materials of farm crops, vegetables, forest trees or shrubs allowed; in natural colors, painted, dyed or combination Exhibitor must furnish supporting suitable container (bowl, vase, dish, basket, etc.). Maximum height is 36 inches.





# *CLUB COMPETITION*

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- Category One- Thriving 4-H Communities-Display features each Clubs Community Service Project. Describe the need that was addressed and the outcomes. Highlight youth problem solving and creativity.
- Category Two- Growing with 4-H- Display features how the Club used learning from multiple projects, multiple voices and areas of expertise in order to advance over-all learning. This can highlight any of your entries in the Products Category, highlighting steps and production methods. For additional ideas please reach out to Jerry at [wilcenski@wisc.edu](mailto:wilcenski@wisc.edu)



# *CLUB PRODUCTS COMPETITION*

- **Honey Gift Basket-** Unwrapped basket or unique container with assorted honey and other bee derived products (such as beeswax soaps, candles, home decor, etc.), creatively arranged and suitable as a gift. Maximum 14 inches deep (front to back), 16 inches wide and 14 inches high. Include complete list of items, with product sources and members involved.
- **Dairy Gift Basket-** Unwrapped basket or unique container with assorted dairy (milk, cream, butter or cheese from cattle or goats) and other dairy derived products (such as milk soaps, lotions, bath products etc.), creatively arranged and suitable as a gift. Maximum 14 inches deep (front to back), 16 inches wide and 14 inches high. Include complete list of items, with product sources and members involved.





# *CLUB PRODUCTS COMPETITION*

- **Fiber Gift Basket-** Unwrapped basket or unique container with assorted fiber yarns (can be wool, alpaca or llama, mohair or cashmere and angora rabbit or blends.), creatively arranged and suitable as a gift. Maximum 14 inches deep (onto back), 16 inches wide and 14 inches high. Include complete list of items, with product sources and members involved.
- **Home Garden Collection-** Eight kinds of garden vegetables. Staged creatively in one box. Maximum size 9"x 14". Flowers and foliage decorations allowed if grown by the exhibitor.



# *CLUB SCARECROW COMPETITION*

Scarecrow- Hand constructed of materials able to withstand outdoor elements. Must contain plant materials (straw, corn stalks, seeds etc.) from a farm crop and dry. Free standing, between 3-8 feet tall.

Judged on:

- Creativity and originality
- Utility: Practicality as a scarecrow (movements, noise)
- Character: Likeness as a person. How materials are utilized





# *ENTRY FORMS*

Individual Competition-

<https://forms.gle/wG2Enu67dSzUyYKV6>

Club Competition-

<https://forms.gle/NUbEe4JJiHfg99UP8>

