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SPARKS DAY *2023*

Ignite Your Passion



WELCOME TO THE SECOND ANNUAL JEFFERSON COUNTY SPARKS DAY!

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

Entries are due to the Extension Office by Saturday, September 16 at 11am for judging. All entrants will receive educational points for entering.

All entries and photographs of entries will be displayed at the Jefferson County 4-H Open House. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Extension Office.

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SPARKS DAY AG PROMOTION

PHOTOGRAPHY

Animals

- Single framed 8x10 of your animal
- Poster containing 5 individual photos that tell a story about your animal project.

Plants

- Single framed 8x10 featuring crops, fruits or vegetables
- Poster containing 5 individual photos that tell a story about the growing season

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. Exhibitors may enter up to two entries. A notecard with liveweight, and hanging weight should be included along with breed information.
 - The entry is a one (1) inch “Rib Eye” steak taken from the 12th rib of each animal entry.

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)

Lamb

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

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MEAT & PROTEIN PRODUCTS

Meat Goat

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

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.
 - White honey
 - Light amber honey
 - 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 PRODUCTS

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

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Scrambled Egg Cook-Off

- Entrants have 15 minutes to prep, cook and present any two egg recipes.
- To be judged on cooking skills, creativity and flavor.

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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.

SPARKS DAY AG PRODUCTS COMPETITION

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.

Explore the World- International Baking

- Scandinavia
 - Any baked good from Scandinavia. Include a card with the name of the baked good and region it originates in.
- Mexico
 - Any baked good from Mexico. Include a card with the name of the baked good and region in Mexico it originates in.
- Japan
 - Any baked good from Japan. Include a card with the name of the baked good and region in Japan it originates in.

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FOODS

Pies

- Creative Apple
 - Judged on creative use and flavoring of the apples.
 - Can be double or single crust.
 - Include an index card with variety of apple and additional flavorings used.
- Multi Fruit
 - Can use any combination of fruits.
 - Can be double or single crust.
 - Include an index card with variety of apple and additional flavorings used.

Cookies

- Best Chocolate Chip
 - Six uniform chocolate cookies.
- Cookie Basket
 - At least three different cookies making up a creative basket of one dozen cookies.

Bread

- Savory
 - Yeast bread with any savory flavoring.
 - One single loaf.
- Sweet Yeast Bread
 - Can be rolls, pull apart or a single loaf.

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GARDEN

Home Garden Collection

- At least four kinds of garden vegetables.
- Staged creatively in one box of any size.
- Flowers and foliage decorations allowed if grown by the exhibitor.

Flowers

- Single
 - One flower species, can be in any sized vessel.
 - Must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Multi
 - Creative arrangement of multiple flower species, can be in any sized vessel.
 - Must be grown by the exhibitor

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FIBER

Fleece

- Fleeces must be unwashed, but clean and well-skirted and placed in clear plastic bags, one fleece per bag.
- Fleeces must have been shorn in the last 12 months.
- Unskirted, dirty or inferior fleeces will be disqualified.
- Each entry to be marked with the breed of sheep it originated from and the sheering date.

Felting

- Knitted or woven articles that have been felted
- Wet and/or needle felted non-wearables/home decor (wall hangings to rugs)
- Wet and/or needle felted wearables
- Wet and/or needle felted sculptural or figurative articles

Hand Knitted Articles

- Any wearable accessories, hats, gloves, scarves, socks shawls etc.

Hand Crocheted Articles

- Any wearable accessories, hats, gloves, scarves, socks shawls etc.

SPARKS DAY CLOVERBUDS

EXPLORE 4-H

My Year in Cloverbuds

- Cloverbuds will choose three projects they completed during the Cloverbud program year. Projects should show what youth are most excited about/ most proud of.
 - Around my Home - Any home decor item the Cloverbud created.
 - Around my Yard- Any collection of leaves, flowers, feathers and rocks. Items should be identified with a label. Can be mounted on a poster or in a collection box.
 - Around my Kitchen- Any baked good or snack.

SPARKS DAY CLUB COMPETITION

CLUB COMPETITIONS

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 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

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