

**2009 Marion County Fair
Agriculture/Horticulture Open Class Show
Horticulture Building**

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GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibits must be residents of Marion County, be at least 18 years of age, and be non-professional gardeners.
2. All categories are open to any home gardener in Marion County growing fruit, flowers, and/or vegetables for their family needs, and farmers whose farms are in Marion County. The fruit, flowers and crops must be produced in Marion County and should have been grown by the exhibitor during the current year, with the exception of corn and soybeans that must have been grown during the preceding year.
3. All grain must be clean. No grain directly from bin will be accepted, unless it is cleaned and grated by the exhibitor. The hay and straw exhibits must be top quality.
4. Plates for vegetables and fruit exhibits will be furnished. Containers for flower and grain exhibits must be brought by the exhibitor.
5. An entry fee of \$1.50 for EACH exhibit is to be mailed with the entry form no later than July 7, 2009. **No refunds will be made.** List each item on a separate line on the entry form. Make check or money order payable to Marion County Fair. If you miss the mailing deadline, bring exhibits and entry form to the Horticulture Building, Marion County Fairgrounds, between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm. There will be a \$2.00 late-entry processing fee.
6. All entries must be brought to the Horticulture Building, Marion County Fairgrounds, between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm on **Tuesday, July 21, 2009.**
7. An exhibit tag will be placed on each entry upon its arrival in the Horticulture Building on **July 21, 2009.**
8. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded as follows: First place, blue and \$3; Second place, red and \$2; Third place, white and \$1; Fourth place, pink; Fifth place, yellow; Sixth place, green. There is only one set of ribbons per numbered item. An individual may receive premium money from only two placings in the same class. Sweepstakes will be given according to the number of donors.
9. A single day pass will be given for three entries.
10. Exhibits will be released between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on **Saturday, August 1, 2009.** Premiums will be available at this time only. Unclaimed ribbons will be forfeited.

Scarecrow Contest

Bring your best scarecrow to the Horticulture Building on **July 23, 2009** between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The scarecrow should be able to stand on its own or ready to hang from a ceiling hook without falling apart. The scarecrow will be judged on General Appearance, Sturdiness, and Originality. There is a \$1 entry fee. Champion will receive \$15; Reserve Champion, \$10; First, \$5; Second \$4; Third \$3; Fourth \$2; Fifth \$1; Ribbons for Sixth through Tenth. There must be at least three entries in order for the Champion and Reserve Champion places to be awarded.