

General Information



*Youth, Adult, and
Shop Exhibits*

**GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE 2026 SOUTH MS FAIR
YOUTH, ADULT, AND SHOP EXHIBITS**

1. **ENTRIES/DISPLAYS/BOOTHES** will be made by youth (pre-school age-18 years of age) and adults in Jones County and surrounding counties.
 2. Participants may enter only one of each item listed unless otherwise stated.
 3. **ENTRIES** must be the property of the exhibitor and must be a project that has been completed by the exhibitor between the dates of **Nov. 1, 2025-Oct. 1, 2026** (this does not include livestock). Any entry judged not to be in compliance will be disqualified by the judges.
 4. **ALL ENTRIES** must be labeled properly with name and address. Entry sheets are required and will be available at check-in. Call 601-428-5201 to pre-register.
 5. **ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES/REGISTRATION WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE SHOWMAN APP WEBSITE** and must be completed by **October 19, 2026, BY MIDNIGHT**. Contact Lulu Ladner at 601-428-5201.
 6. **4-H YOUTH AND ADULT ARTS AND CRAFTS ENTRIES** must be registered on **Wednesday, October 21st, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm** in the Arts and Agriculture buildings. You may set up 4-H booths on **Wednesday, October 21st from 1:00PM–6:00PM**.
 7. **YOUTH AND ADULT HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS**: See Rules and Regulations page 10. Organized by the Jasper/Jones County Master Gardeners Association.
 8. Judging of exhibits and booths will begin at **8:30AM, Thursday, October 22nd**.
 9. Exhibits/Displays/Booths will be checked out on **Monday, November 2nd, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM** Exhibits not checked out by that time will be left unattended in the building.
 10. The South Mississippi Fair Commission, South Mississippi Fair, and Jones County Extension Service, its employees, agents, or representatives will not be responsible for loss or damage to items placed in exhibit for the South Mississippi Fair.
- **Educational Booths are required to include the Theme:**
Magnolia Memories: Our 4-H Story
The booth should convey an education idea and portray the purpose and goals of the MSU-ES programs (ANR, FHW, 4-H). Each booth should follow the theme set forth by the South Mississippi Fair.

- The booth should attract attention and hold the interest of viewers. (Please abstain from any profanity or elusive slogans in the booth).
- The booth should be neat and attractive. The booth appearance should be appropriate for all ages.
- The county or organization should not have their name showing until after judging has taken place.
- Booths can be set up on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 1:00PM-6:00PM**. Booths can be checked out on **Monday, November 2, 2026, from 10:00AM-1:00PM**.
- If you have questions regarding educational booths, contact Kim Hancock at 601-428-5201.

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI FAIR
2026
4-H YOUTH AND ADULT EXHIBITS
AWARDS AND PREMIUMS**

Ribbons and premiums will be awarded to each entry.

YOUTH ENTRIES:

Blue \$5.00
Red \$3.00
White \$1.00

ADULT ENTRIES

Blue \$5.00
Red \$3.00
White \$1.00

Best of Show Award to be given in each Division. - \$10.00

DIVISION I – CULINARY ARTS

Youth and Adult

1R. Recipe Collection – Recipe Box/Binder

Food Preservation (canned goods) – all exhibits must be either standard pints or quarts, with complete two-piece lids. Foods canned in mayonnaise, peanut butter, etc., jars will not be accepted.

Vegetables

1. Beets
2. Carrots
3. Corn, cream-style
4. Corn, whole kernel
5. English peas
6. Field peas
7. Lima Beans
8. Okra
9. String Beans
10. Tomatoes
11. Tomato Juice
12. Miscellaneous Vegetable

Fruits

13. Apples
14. Applesauce
15. Blackberries
16. Blueberries
17. Figs
18. Peaches
19. Pears
20. Plums
21. Miscellaneous Fruit

Preserves

22. Fig Preserves
23. Fig, Strawberry Preserves
24. Peach
25. Pear
26. Honey
27. Plum
28. Muscadine
29. Strawberry
30. Miscellaneous Preserves

Jam

31. Blackberry
32. Fig
33. Strawberry
34. Blueberry
35. Pear
36. Crabapple
37. Miscellaneous Jam

Jelly

38. Blueberry Jelly
39. Mayhaw
40. Muscadine
41. Strawberry
42. Sweet Pepper Jelly
43. Hot Pepper Jelly
44. Plum
45. Miscellaneous

Pickles

46. Beet
47. Cucumber, Spiced, Rings
48. Cucumber, Sweet Sliced
49. Dill
50. Okra
51. Peach
52. Pear
53. Pepper, Hot
54. Pepper, Sweet
55. Squash
56. Watermelon Rind
57. Miscellaneous Pickles

Relish

- 58. Chili Sauce
- 59. Chow-Chow
- 60. Tomato Salsa
- 61. Fruit Salsa

- 62. Rotel Tomatoes
- 63. Pepper Relish
- 64. Tomato Relish
- 65. Miscellaneous Relish

Drying Lot

- 66. Dried Fruit
- 67. Dried Vegetables

- 68. Meat Jerky
- 69. Dried Herbs

These must be exhibited in a pint or quart-sized zipper sealed bag and labeled for contents and date of drying.

Canned Meat

- 70. Beef
- 71. Chicken or Turkey

Meat must be cubes, strips, or chunks. Meat must be free of fat. Lastly, must be packed uniformity and fullness except for headspace (Beef 1 inch and Poultry 1 ¼ inch headspace). Any meats not fitting description will not be accepted.

DIVISION II – CREATIVE ARTS

Youth and Adult

Seasonal Decorations (Any Holiday)

- 72. Door Decoration
- 73. Handmade Ornament
- 74. Table Decorations
- 75. Tree Decoration
- 76. Tree Skirt
- 77. Wall Hanging
- 78. Miscellaneous Decoration

Hand Stitchery

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 79. Needlepoint Pillow | 97. Crochet Tablecloth |
| 80. Needlepoint Picture | 98. Crochet Bedspread |
| 81. Needlepoint item | 99. Crochet-Item |
| 82. Crewel Picture | 100. Knitted Wearing Apparel |
| 83. Crewel Item | 101. Knitted-Item |
| 84. Quilt-Hand Quilted | 102. Embroidered Picture |
| 85. Quilt-Pieced | 103. Embroidered Tablecloth |
| 86. Quilt-Embroidered | 104. Embroidered Pillowcases |
| 87. Quilt-Appliqued | 105. Embroidered Item |
| 88. Quilt-Baby | 106. Cross Stitch Picture-Over 12" |
| 89. Quilt-Machine Quilted | 107. Cross Stitch Picture-Under 12" |
| 90. Quilt – Novelty | 108. Cross Stitch Pillow |
| 91. Quilted Item | 109. Cross Stitch Item |
| 92. Crochet-Baby Set | 110. Plastic Canvas – Wall Hanging |
| 93. Crochet-Baby Afghan | 111. Plastic Canvas – Item |
| 94. Crochet Wearing Apparel | 112. Soft Sculpture (Dolls, etc.) |
| 95. Crochet Doily | 113. Miscellaneous |
| 96. Crochet Afghan | |

Visual Arts

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| 114. Pottery Painting | 124. Mosaic |
| 115. Ceramic Painting | 125. Stenciling |
| 116. Pencil Drawing | 126. Stained Glass |
| 117. Watercolor Drawing | 127. Wood Art (any wood item) |
| 118. Charcoal Drawing | 128. Yard Art |
| 119. Pastel Drawing | 139. Sculpture (12" x 12") |
| 120. Acrylic Painting | 130. Basket (handmade) |
| 121. Mixed Medium | 131. Basket (decorated) |
| 122. Crayon or Markers | 132. Decorated Clothing Item |
| 123. Metal Craft | 133. Miscellaneous |

Photography

Pictures entered in this category must be: **5x7 or 4x6 and placed on foam board and placed in sheet protector.** On the back of picture, print the name and age of the photographer. Black & White or color photos are accepted.

- 134. Animals
- 135. People
- 136. Landscape/Building
- 137. Miscellaneous

DIVISION III – FASHION SHOP **Youth and Adult**

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| 138. Sewing Box | 148. Children's Clothes (Size 3-14) |
| 139. Accessories (Purse, Hat, Belt, etc.) | 149. Simple Apron |
| 140. Skirt | 150. Decorated Apron |
| 141. Best Dress | 151. Fashion Jewelry – Necklace |
| 142. Evening Wear (Dress/Pants) | 152. Fashion Jewelry – Bracelet |
| 143. Blouse | 153. Fashion Jewelry – Earrings |
| 144. Slacks/shorts | 154. Fashion Jewelry- Set |
| 145 Suit | 155. Fashion Jewelry – Ring |
| 146. Vest | 156. Fashion Jewelry – Brooch |
| 147. Infant Clothes (size 0-2) | 157. Miscellaneous |

DIVISION IV –ENVIRONMENTAL **Youth and Adult**

- 158. Seed Collection – (At least 10 different samples labeled)

Forestry Lots

- 159. Recycled Item
- 160. Fruit and Wood samples from 5 different forest trees of economic value. (Display must be displayed on 22" x 28" sheet of cardboard or wood – no poster board.
- 161. Leaf Collections – Youth must have 20 different leaves on I.D. Cards in a notebook with the common names. Adults must have 40 different leaves on I.D. Cards in a notebook with the common names.

Wildlife Lots

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| 162. Birdhouse (handmade) | 167. Plant or Wildflower collection |
| 163. Duck or Squirrel Box | 168. Animal Decoys (Handmade or hand-painted) |
| 164. Animal Tracks | 169. Game Calls (Handmade) |
| 165. Squirrel Feeder | 170. Bird Watching Journal |
| 166. Bird Feeder | 171. Spent Cartridge Collection |

Fisheries Lot

- 172. Tackle Box

DIVISION V – SAFETY AND HEALTH Youth Only

Safety Lot

- 173. First Aid Kit (Items must be current and fresh)
- 174. Poster Art (use ½ size or regular poster board)

Automotive Lot

- 175. Emergency Equipment Kit
- 176. Tire Wear exhibit (cross section of tires showing types and causes of tread wear mounted on 22” x 22” piece of wood)

Bicycle Lot

- 177. Repair Kit

DIVISION VI – BUG EXHIBITS Youth Only

Insect Collections

- 178. Novice – 1–3-year collection | Exhibitors must have a minimum of 50 insects
- 179. Expert - 4 years and up collection | Exhibitors must have 15 orders or more and 200 insects or more. Insects will be spread and pinned according to Instructions. The pin holding the insect should have the collector’s name, date on which the insect was caught, and the county in which it was caught.

Specialty Collections

- 180. Novice (1–3-year Collection)
- 181. Expert (4 years and up Collection)

CROP EXHIBIT
LOT 6 – FARM AND GARDEN/ORCHARD PRODUCE

ADULTS AND YOUTH

Check-in, Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Judging, Thursday, October 22, 2026

(Arts & Crafts Building)

An exhibitor may make one entry in each class. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor in 2026. **Variety names should be listed on exhibits.** Premiums – (Youth and Adult) Blue, \$5.00, red, \$3.00, and white \$1. – Best of show in each division: Youth and Adult-\$10.00.

Class

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| 1. Green beans (10) | 25. Homegrown Veg. Basket (Min of 5 different vegetables 3 of each minimum. |
| 2. Lima Beans (15) | 26. Cherry or Cocktail tomatoes (10-any color) |
| 3. Cucumbers (3) | 27. Field Corn (3 ears, shucked with tip left on) |
| 4. Eggplant (3) | 28. Decorative corn (5) |
| 5. Gourds (3) | 29. Any Other homegrown Vegetable not listed (5) |
| 6. Okra (6) | 30. Apples (3) Must have been grown by exhibitor |
| 7. Gourds, miniature (3) | 31. Pears (3) |
| 8. Onions (3) | 32. Any other fruit not listed (5) |
| 9. Garlic (3) Bulbs | 33. Pecans |
| 10. Field peas (15) | 34. Walnuts |
| 11. Hot peppers (6) | 35. Any other nuts |
| 12. Sweet peppers (3) | |
| 13. Banana peppers (6) | |
| 14. Irish potatoes (3) | |
| 15. Sweet potatoes (3) | |
| 16. Pumpkin, largest (1) weight known | |
| 17. Pumpkin, best (1) | |
| 18. Pumpkin, miniature (3) | |
| 19. Squash, summer (3) | |
| 20. Butternut squash (1) | |
| 21. Winter squash other than butternut (3) | |
| 22. Tomatoes (3), including 1" stem | |
| 23. Watermelon (1) | |
| 24. Cantaloupe (1) | |

South MS Fair Horticulture Show

Check-in: October 21, 2026; 1PM-6PM

Judging: October 22, 2026; 8:30AM

Check-Out: November 2, 2026; 10AM-1PM

ATTENTION HORTICULTURE ENTHUSIAST!!!!

Bring your plants and cut flowers to the Art Building on the Laurel Fairgrounds, October 21, 2026, from 1PM-6PM. Horticulture exhibits will be judged on October 22, 2026, beginning at 8:30AM. You may attain exhibitor tags prior to check-in by contacting the Jones County Extension Office at 601-428-5201. Exhibits will be awarded on merit blue, red, or white. An Overall “Best in Show” for Youth and Adult will be award. Classes and Divisions are attached.

Award: Blue	\$5.00
Red	\$3.00
White	\$1.00
Best In Show	\$10.00

Rules:

- 1. Please provide each entry with the following information: Put information on the bottom of container.**
 - a. Name of Exhibitor**
 - b. Phone**
 - c. Botanical Name**
 - d. Division /Class**
 - e. Youth or Adult Division**
- 2. You may attain exhibitor tags from the Jones County Extension Service prior to check-in, or you may pick up at check-in. Please make sure you have all requested information (listed above).**
- 3. All specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor.**
- 4. Each exhibitor may enter more than one specimen if each is a different variety or color.**
- 5. Containers for cut specimens shall be clear glass with one stem per container.**
- 6. Horticulture specimens should be of show quality.**
- 7. Exhibitors must supply saucers for watering container grown plants and stands for trailing plants. (SMF staff will water plants throughout the week.)**
- 8. Exhibitors are responsible for unloading and loading.**
- 9. Cut flowers and foliage may be dispersed at the discretion of the South MS Fair staff.**
- 10. Jasper/Jones County Master Gardener Association will assist with the South MS Fair Horticulture Show.**

2026 South Mississippi Fair
October 23-31, 2026
Horticulture Show Divisions and Classes
Adult and Youth Entries
Only one entry per class per exhibitors

Division 1 – Plants Grown for Blooms-(Cut Flowers must be in clear bud vase)

Stem length should be between 4 in. and 2 ft.

Entries can be:

1. Annuals
2. Perennials
3. Bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers
4. Others

Division 2 – Plants Grown for Foliage

Stem length between 4 in. and 6 ft.

Division 3 – Ornamental Grasses, Graminae

Stem length between 8 in. and 18 in.

Division 4 – Trees and Shrubs

Stem length between 15 in. and 30 in.

Division 5 – Container Grown Plants

Division 6 – Succulents and Cactus

Entries Can be:

1. Succulents
2. Cactus
3. Other



South Mississippi Fair

FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECTS REGULATIONS

Projects will be judged on the combination of project presentation (70 points maximum) and portfolio (30 points maximum) with a total maximum score of 100 points. The points assigned to projects are based upon the amount and difficulty of work involved, difficulty and cost of moving, and the cost of materials.

Project Presentation - 70 points

1. All projects should be complete including fit and finish. Any item necessary for use of the project, must be a part of it (example: hinges and latches on gates and panels, lift pins, hydraulic hoses on tractor equipment, etc.), including documentation.
2. All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition, even though they may have been used. Touch up painting should be completed prior to entering the exhibit area
3. Due to limited exhibit space, trailers and other equipment are to be displayed in transport position (ramps up, stored or removed). Operation of ramps, extensions and other special features may be demonstrated only as directed by the official judges and as space permits.
4. No electricity will be available for computers or other electronic devices. An effort will be made to provide electricity for projects requiring it for operation during judging only.
5. Tractors, trucks or other vehicles (including non-entered trailers) are not allowed in the exhibit area as part of the display. If the project is permanently attached, please contact staff or superintendents for ruling.
6. Five projects per class per chapter, and each project is limited to show only one time at the fair.
7. All participants must be FFA members, each member must be listed on the cover of the portfolio.

Portfolio - 30 points

Exhibitors must have ALL parts of the portfolio. The portfolio must be bound in a binder or folder. The max number of pages is not to exceed 10 pages in the portfolio.

The portfolio must include the following:

- 1) Cover Page - 5 points
- 2) Blueprints (exhibitor produced) - 5 points
- 3) Bill of Materials - 5 points
- 4) Construction Log (Template Available from MS FFA) - 5 points
- 5) Photographs - 5 points
 - A. Minimum of 5 photos, maximum of 15
 - B. The photos must show ALL of the stages of the project.
 - C. No safety hazards in pictures, Points will be deducted for safety violations in photos.
 - D. Students must be present in at least 50% of photos.
- 6) Marketing Flyer - 5 points

Class:	Blue \$5.00	Red \$3.00	White \$1.00
	Best of Show: \$10.00		

AG MECHANICS CLASSIFICATION

Agriculture Machinery & Equipment Division

1. Tractor Mounted and/or Pulled Equipment
2. Other Shop Equipment
3. Truck and/or Tractor Accessories
4. All other ag machinery and equipment

Livestock Equipment Division

5. Gates, Panels, etc.
6. Chutes and Headgates (All types- squeeze chutes, trim chutes, loading chutes, etc.)
7. Other Livestock Handling Equipment (Blocking tables, hoof trimming tables, crates etc.)
8. Livestock Feeding / Watering Equipment (Creep feeders, hay feeders, minerals feeders, combo feeders, portable feeding equipment, etc.)
9. All other livestock equipment

Outdoor Recreation & Convenience Division (No Indoor Furniture Items)

10. Stationary Smokers
11. Fryers, Fire Pits, etc.
12. Trailer Mounted Cookers (Trailer must meet MDOT regulations)
13. Other Yard Conveniences (Firewood racks, picnic tables, porch swings, lawn chairs)All other outdoor recreation and convenience items

Wildlife Equipment Division

14. Feeding / Watering Equipment
15. Traps and Capture Devices
16. Stands, Blinds, Observation Towers, Other Wildlife Equipment (Drop chutes, working boxes, etc.)
17. All other wildlife equipment

Trailers Division (Must meet MDOT regulations)

18. Single Axle Bumper Pull Trailers(All lengths)
19. Multi Axle Bumper Pull Trailers (All lengths)
20. Stock Trailers-Bumper Pull and Gooseneck (All lengths)
21. Gooseneck Lowboys and Flatbeds (All lengths)
22. All other trailers

Decorative Division

23. Small Decorative Pieces (Under 24 sq. inches)
24. Medium Decorative Pieces (Between 24 and 48 sq. inches)
25. Large Decorative Pieces (Over 48 sq. inches)
26. All other decorative items

Tractor Restoration Division

27. Repair & Recondition
28. Restored
29. All other restored equipment

Open Division

30. All other projects

Jr. Division

31. Open will adjust based upon participation

Any large exhibits, please contact Ken Parker, West Jones Ag Instructor (601-729-8144) or Megan White, South Jones Ag Instructor (601-477-8451) two weeks prior to the fair.