

General Information

FOR THE 2025



Youth, Adult, & Shop Exhibits

**GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE 2025 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, 2024-Oct. 1, 2025** (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 13, 2025, 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 15th, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm** in the Arts and Agriculture buildings. You may set up 4-H booths on **Wednesday, October 15th from 1:00 pm–6:00pm**.
7. **YOUTH AND ADULT HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS:** See Rules and Regulations page 9. Organized by the Jasper/Jones County Master Gardeners Association.
8. Judging of exhibits and booths will begin at **8:30 A.M., Thursday, October 16th**.
9. Exhibits/Displays/Booths will be checked out on **Sunday, October 26th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** 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: BARNYARD AFFAIR!** The booth should convey an education idea and portray the purpose and goals of the MSU-ES programs (Ag, FCS, 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 15, 2025, from 1:00pm-6:00pm**. Booths can be checked out on **Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 1:00pm-3:00pm**.
- If you have questions regarding educational booths, contact Kim Hancock at 601-428-5201.

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI FAIR
2025
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
All others will receive a Participant Ribbon

ADULT ENTRIES

Blue \$5.00
Red \$3.00
White \$1.00
All others will receive a Participant Ribbon

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 Pillow | 101. Knitted-Item |
| 84. Crewel Item | 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 and placed in a 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 15, 2025

Judging, Thursday, October 16, 2025

(Arts & Crafts Building)

An exhibitor may make one entry in each class. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor in 2024. **Variety name 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 15, 2025; 1pm-6pm

Judging: October 16, 2025; 8:30am

Check-Out: October 26, 2025; 1pm-3pm

The South MS Fair will open October 17-25, 2025.

ATTENTION HORTICULTURE ENTHUSIAST!!!!

Bring your plants and cut flowers to the Art Building on the Laurel Fairgrounds, October 15, 2025, from 1pm-6pm. Horticulture exhibits will be judged on October 16, 2025, 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

2025 South Mississippi Fair
October 17-25, 2025
Horticulture Show Divisions and Classes
Adult and Youth Entries

Lot 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

Lot 2 – Plants Grown for Foliage

Stem length between 4 in. and 6 ft.

Lot 3 – Ornamental Grasses, Graminae

Stem length between 8 in. and 18 in.

Lot 4 – Trees and Shrubs

Stem length between 15 in. and 30 in.

Lot 5 – Container Grown Plants

Lot 6 – Succulents and Cactus

Entries Can be:

1. Succulents
2. Cactus
3. Other

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. Lot #/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 maybe dispersed of 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.**