

Appendix G - Judging Program Categories_2025

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Each Judging School MUST, at the very least, allow Instructors enough time for 1) reviewing the Judging Standard for that specific Category, 2) teaching participants how to judge various types/kinds of items within the Category and 3) allowing participants the opportunity to take part in hands-on judging of a number of classes of items.

The recent practice scheduling 2 or more Categories in a half day session and allotting less than the minimum instruction time per Category is not acceptable

These are the **minimum** suggested timeframes for judging schools for each of the following categories. A Judging School may be held over a longer period of time than indicated below, if desired.

1 Day Schools – 5 to 6 hrs of instruction time

- A) **Field Crops** – (merge of seed sample/small grain; grain corn; small-seeded legumes/ hay; large-seeded legumes.)
- B) **Needlecrafts** – Needlepoint; weaving; huck/Swedish weaving; tatting; cross stitch; embroidery on material; lacemaking; hooked rugs; wool applique; other related crafts
- C) **Quilts** - hand quilting; machine quilting; other quilted items (moved back to full day)

½ Day or Evening Schools – 3 hrs instruction time

- D) **Antiques & Collectibles**
- E) **Art**
- F) **Baking**
- G) **Canning and Home Preserves**
- H) **Crafts and Hobbies** – (renamed from Crafts) scrapbooking; card-making; decoupage; paper tole; tole painting; jewelry; macrame; pottery & ceramics; stained glass; Cricut; paper work; jewelry; 3-D printing; collections; other current craft trends.
- I) **Flowers**
- J) **Fruit**
- K) **Honey**
- L) **Knitting & Crochet**
- M) **Maple Syrup** -
- N) **Organized Groups– Displays** – Community groups [i.e. 4-H, Women’s Institute, Rotary, etc.], Commercial, Yard or Farm Displays
- O) **Photography**
- P) **Sewing** – clothing; smocking; fabric arts.
- Q) **Vegetables** – (January 2025 – added *Table Garlic to Roots & Vegetables & renamed*)
- R) **Woodwork** – carving; building; turning; burning; intarsia and other related crafts
- S) **Youth Work** (renamed from **Junior Work/School Work**) posters; junior crafts; junior art; school work; handwriting

Other -

- T) **Eggs** – could be held with another Category e.g. f in a ½ day school – suggest extending the timeframe to ensure enough instruction time for both Categories