

SCORECARDS

In an effort to help the exhibitors understand the scoring process, the following are the scorecard standards.

Floriculture Gardens

Design & Presentation	45%
Technique Of Construction	15%
Condition Of Plant Material	15%
Interpretation Of Theme And Conformity To Schedule	15%
Landscape Plan	10%
Correct and readable identification of plant material; common name and botanical name if possible.	
Total Score	100%

Roses

Form	40%
Color	15%
Substance	10%
Freshness	
Size	10%
Stem & Foliage	15%
Balance & Proportion	10%
Total Score	100%

Potted Plants

Varietal Form or Symmetry	35%
Varietal Foliage	30%
Shape, color, texture, size	
Plant Health, Condition and Grooming	25%
Plant Proportion to Container	5%
Correct Name Label	5%
Total Score	100%

Dish Garden (Mini-Garden, Terrariums)

Plant Quality	50%
Condition, Balance	
General Appearance	40%
Arrangement, Container suitability, Theme	
Labeling	10%
Educational information	
Total Score	100%

Cut Flowers

Bloom: Correct to type	50%
Texture Freshness, not over mature	15%
Size	15%
Color Not bleached out.....	10%
Shape	10%
Foliage:	20%
Color	10%
Condition healthy, insect free	10%
Stem Condition:	20%
Sturdiness	10%
Length, Color.....	10%
Presentation	10%
Correct quantity, label, clean	
Total Score	100%

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Flower Arrangements

Workmanship	25%
Originality	20%
Condition of Material	20%
Degree of Difficulty	20%
Design & Proportion	15%
Total Score	100%

Fine Arts

Impact on Viewer	35%
Catches the eye - holds attention - Originality/imagination concept in the subject	
Composition	35%
Expression, presentation of elements	
Technique of Media & Material	20%
Presentation	10%
Mounted neatly and securely	
Total Score	100%

Photography

Aesthetic	50%
Impact (25) - Composition (25)	
Technique	50%
Technical Quality (25) - Workmanship (25)	
Total Score	100%

Breads, Muffins & Rolls

Flavor	35%
Taste and aroma - sweet, nutty blended.	
Texture	25%
No streaks or close grain, size and uniformity of cell walls, elasticity.	
General Appearance	15%
Shape (proper "dome"), smoothness, crust color.	
Lightness	10%
Crust	15%
Thickness, quality, crispiness, tenderness and uniformity	
Total	100%

Cakes

Texture	35%
Butter Cakes - tender, fine, even grain, moist but elastic. Fruit Cakes - not sticky or gummy, dry or crumbly.	
Flavor	35%
Delicate and pleasing, natural flavor of ingredients.	
Appearance	30%
Surface (crust or frosting). Crust - color, texture, depth. Frosting - glossy, not granular, soft, not sticky, suitable flavor. Filling (if appropriate) - minimum 1/4 inch, fluffy, good flavor blend with cake.	
Total	100%

Cakes (Decorated)

Overall Appearance	45%
Balance (15), Color Harmony (15), Uniformity of pattern (15)	
Icing Details	40%
Frosted cake form (15) Type of Flowers (10) Border (15)	
Artistic Quality	15%
Originality	
Total	100%

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Collection

Education	10%
Blended; high quality; pleasing	
Labeling	10%
Correctness and spelling	
Quality	5%
Showmanship	50%
Total effect of background, lighting, arrangement, neatness, and suitability	
Variety of Material	15%
Judging percentage shall cover both	
Explanation	10%
How did you start your collection?	
Total	100%

Confections

Flavor	30%
Blended; high quality; pleasing	
Texture	30%
Crystalline - velvety, creamy.	
Consistency	25%
Crystalline - firm, not hard or soft. Non-crystalline - should hold shape; no crystals.	
Appearance	15%
Non-crystalline - smooth.	
Total	100%

Cookies - Rolled, Dropped

Texture	35%
Characteristic of type.	
Flavor	35%
Natural flavor of ingredients - no off-flavor.	
Appearance	30%
Outside - uniform color & size (not over 3 inches).	
Total	100%

Pastry

Crust	40%
Texture; flavor.	
Filling	40%
Flavor; consistency.	
Appearance	20%
Color; shape.	
Total	100%

Crafts

Workmanship	40%
How is it made	
Appearance - total effect	25%
Overall design, clean, neat, ready for exhibit	
Originality	20%
Creativity in design and execution	
Suitability & Difficulty Factor	15%
Choice of material - suitable for article, sturdy enough for intended use	
Total	100%

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Needlework

General Appearance	40%
Clean, neat, ready for exhibit - Individuality of design, Color & Texture Harmony	
Workmanship	40%
Stitched, even, secure - Neat consistent direction - Thread/yarn ends joined or woven inconspicuously - Secure	
Suitability	20%
Sturdy enough for intended use - Material suitably for article	
Total	100%

Quilts & Quilted Items

Visual Statement	50%
Visual impact - Outstanding or special qualities	
Pattern Use & Design	10%
Balance - Rhythm - Design flow	
Color	10%
Construction	10%
Points and corners meet precisely - Curves are smooth - Stitches invisible Cross stitches going same way	
Quilting/Ties	10%
Evenly spaced stitches of uniform length	
Binding or Edge	10%
Both sides and ends even length	
Total	100%

Clothing & Textiles

Workmanship	60%
Cut on grain, seams even, suitably finished, Stitching machine/hand, Zipper or placket, darts, hems, waistline, Neckline finish or collar, Sleeves or armholes Buttons or fasteners, Belts, pockets, etc., Interfacing, lining, other	
General Appearance	40%
For coordinated items consider relationship of color, texture, style - Clean, ready for display - Well pressed, outside and inside - Fabric & trim appropriate for style.	
Total Score	100%

Fruits, Nuts, & Vegetable Plate or Crate

Arrangement	20%
Properly displayed & labeled, neat, correct number of specimens.	
Type and Size	20%
True to type for the variety or group. Conform to market size.	
Uniformity	20%
Specimens uniform in size, color, shape, type, maturity.	
Condition	20%
Well grown, good color and shape, clean, trimmed, free from blemishes and rots.	
Market Quality	20%
Prime edible maturity, firm, tender, crisp, and fresh	
Total Score	100%

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Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Product	65%
Absence of defects - original food high quality; free from indicated spoilage.	
Uniformity - pieces of food reasonably uniform in size (fancy pack not practical).	
Color - as nearly that of standard cooked product as possible; free from foreign matter and undue discoloration. Consistency - tender without overcooking.	
Pack	25%
Fullness - all space except proper headspace filled; neatness and uniformity.	
Liquid - just covers product with no excess; clear with little or no cloudiness or small particles; free from gas bubbles. Fruit syrups have suitable proportions of sugar.	
Container	10%
Tightly sealed containers of specified size; clean; neatly and properly labeled.	
Total	100%

Pickles and Relishes

Appearance	65%
Safety and Suitability	25%
Container	10%
Total	100%

Dried Foods

Attractiveness and Container	30%
Aroma	30%
Color	20%
Texture	20%
Total	100%

Jellies, Jams, Preserves and Marmalades

Texture	35%
Characteristic of type.	
Flavor	35%
Characteristic - not excessively sweet or over-cooked	
Appearance	30%
Color - characteristic of fruit (15); Clearness - jellies (10);	
Container - practical; clean; sealed lids; neatly labeled. (5)	
Total	100%

Juices

Taste	40%
Natural flavor	
Appearance	25%
Particularly color	
Container and label	20%
Texture	15%
Right thickness, no pieces	
Total	100%

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Youth Department

Panel Displays

Conveys Messages	30%
Accomplishes purpose	
Attracts Attention	20%
Stopping power	
Effective Title	10%
Short, personal, active verb	
Suitable Subject	10%
Timely, personal	
Holds Interest	10%
Encourages study	
General Appearance	10%
Simple, balanced, orderly	
Workmanship	10%
Neat, well constructed	
Total	100%

Decorative Exhibits

General Appearance	40%
Construction	25%
Condition of Specimens	20%
General Appearance	15%
Total	100%

Agricultural Mechanics

Practicability	35%
Usefulness, economical construction, durability.	
Quality of Workmanship	35%
Design, neatness.	
Amount of Work	30%
Size of job, skills, complexity.	
Total	100%

Automotive, Small Engines & Tractor Projects

Appearance	25%
Workmanship	25%
Originality	20%
Neatness	15%
Utility	15%
Total	100%

Crafts & Hobbies

Workmanship	50%
How is it made	
Appearance	25%
Overall design - Clean, neat, ready for exhibit	
Suitability & Difficulty	15%
Choice of material, suitable for article - Sturdy enough for intended use - Challenging for age	
Originality	10%
Creativity in design and execution	
Total	100%

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Clothing & Textiles

Workmanship	60%
General Appearance of the Garment or Article	40%
Total	100%

Entomology Collections

Identification and Labeling	25%
General Appearance, including Completeness	25%
Condition of Insects	20%
Mounting	20%
Number of Insects	10%
Total	100%

Electrical Exhibits

Workmanship and Originality	40%
Appearance	30%
Utility and Safety	30%
Total	100%

Home Furnishings

Suitability	35%
Beauty	35%
Skill	30%
Total	100%

Natural Science

Area	30%
Educational & Scientific value	
General Appearance	30%
Neatness, attractiveness, workmanship, condition	
Specific Requirements of Category including Labeling	20%
Level of Difficulty	10%
Originality	10%
Total Score	100%

Photography

Aesthetic	50%
Impact (25), Composition (25)	
Technique	50%
Technical quality (25), Workmanship (25)	
Total	100%

Poetry

Impact on Reader	70%
(Originality of thought, Choice of words, Flow of thought)	
Composition	15%
(Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation)	
Presentation	15%
(Mounted neatly, Legibly written or typed, Illustrations)	
Total	100%

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Forestry

Educational Value	50%
Workmanship	25%
Appearance	20%
Quantity	5%
Total	100%

Wildlife

Educational and Scientific Value	40%
Holds Interest and Stimulates Study	20%
Appearance	15%
Workmanship	15%
Meets Project Objectives	10%
Total	100%

Woodworking

Workmanship	25%
Utility	25%
Appearance	20%
Originality	20%
Neatness	10%
Total	100%

Science and Technology

Impact on Viewer	35%
Educational Value	20%
Workmanship	20%
Originality	15%
Accomplishes Purpose	10%
Total Score	100%

Veterinary Science

Educational Value	40%
Holds Interest and Stimulates Study	20%
Appearance and Labeling	15%
Workmanship	15%
Meets Project Objectives	10%
Total	100%

Weeds

Educational Value	50%
Appearance	20%
Workmanship	20%
Quantity	10%
Total	100%

For any other scorecards not listed here, be sure to see the California State rules which are available by request or online at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe.