

PREMIUM LIST

1896

**RAILROAD TOWN
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

FAIR



SEPTEMBER 19

A Bit of History

Agricultural Fairs of the nineteenth century were an opportunity for farmers and townspeople alike to take advantage of exhibits of hundreds of items presented or produced by others, and where they learned of new or “improved” breeds of livestock or improvements in farm produce. Businesses would make special exhibits of their product lines, including many “new” items and advances in technology. Premiums or premium diplomas were awarded to individuals and businesses for the best exhibits. Local business interests offered special premiums for exhibits of particular interest to them, often in exchange for the item exhibited, such as the best pie.

Fairs were considered *the* fall social gathering to attend. Entertainments included various games, speeches by politicians, informative lectures, lunches served by local church organizations or other social and fraternal groups, balloon ascensions, high wire acts, music, and most importantly horse racing. Races were scheduled several times each day with special purses awarded for the various trotting, running, and pacing races.



The 1896 Railroad Town Agricultural Fair will be held at the Cleary Farm west of Railroad Town. Thank you to the Clearys for their hospitality!

Entries will be accepted the two days prior to the fair in Railroad Town between 9 am - 4 pm, or on the morning of September 19 from 8:30 - 10:00 am at the fair tent.

Please contact Mrs. R. Bengert with any questions or to make arrangements for entry drop-off prior to the day of the fair. Mrs. Bengert may be reached by phone at (308) 385-5316 or e-mail rbengert@stuhrmuseum.org.

Highlights for this year's Fair

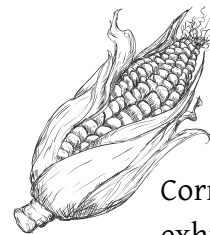
8:30-10:00 am: Enter fair exhibits

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Fair open to visitors

- Exhibition hall!
- Industrial demonstrations!
- Apple peeling contest!
- An art table for kids!
- Historic carnival games!
- Nebraska State Hand Cornhusking Contest
- Kids' 2-minute corn-picking contest
- And more!

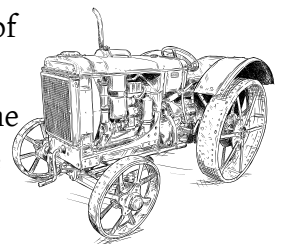
11:00 am: Professor Lysander B. Jones' Traveling Medicine Show

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We are pleased to combine the 1896 Railroad Town Agricultural Fair with the 2026 Nebraska State Hand Cornhusking Contest. Good luck to all fair exhibitors & corn-huskers!

Do not miss the enlarged display of farm machinery and implements! We extend a heartfelt thanks to the owners whose fine machines have been placed on exhibition for the benefit of the public.



Premium List

Class 1 - Farm Produce

Lot 1: Grains, Beans, and Seeds

Enter six pods or one-half cup of dried beans, grain, or seeds.

Red Winter Wheat	Lima Beans
Indian Corn	Beans
White Winter Wheat	Calico Corn
Red Spring Wheat	Sweet Corn
Barley	Popcorn
White Field Beans	White Corn
Buckwheat	Field Corn
Rye in Straw	Rye
Corn on Stalks	Oats
Best display of grains, beans, or seeds	

Lot 2: Vegetables

Enter one or two examples of Vegetables.

Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes
Sweet Pumpkins	Onions
California Pumpkins	Turnips
Hubbard Squash	Table Beets
Summer Squash	Peas
Kershaw Squash	Celery
Marble Head Squash	Cabbage
Sugar Beets	Cauliflower
Late Potatoes	Tomatoes
Carrots	Radishes
Black Walnuts	Rhubarb
Peanuts	Chili Squash
Mangle Wurtzle Beans	
Beset Assortment of Vegetables	
Greatest Variety of Potatoes	

Lot 3: Fruits

Enter one or two examples of Fruits.

Dominic Apples	Peaches
Geniton Apples	Plums
Ben Davis Apples	Musk-melons
Tamense Apples	Watermelons
Burbanks Apples	Catawba Grapes
Winter Apples	Elnora Grapes
Crab Apples	Concord Grapes
Rhode Island Greenings	White Grapes

Class 2 - Preserves & Dried Vegetables

Lot 1: Canned Goods

Grapes	Blueberries
Plums	Wild Plums
Apples	Crab Apples
Peaches	Pears
Cherries	Strawberries
Gooseberries	Blackberries
Apricots	Currants
Tomatoes	Corn
String Beans	Peas

Lot 2: Preserves, Jelly & Jam, Dried Fruits

Peach	Plum
Apple	Cherry
Gooseberry	Currant
Strawberry	Raspberry
Blackberry	Grape
Pumpkin	Citron
Tomato	Apple Butter
Peach Butter	Plum Butter
Crab-Apple Butter	

Lot 3: Pickles

Cauliflower	Onion
Cabbage	Tomato
Chow Chow	Mixed Pickles
Mangue	Peach
Apple	Crab Apple
Pear	Beet
Gherkins	Pepper
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Class 3 - Foods

Enter one example of a baked item, but at least 6 (six) cookies.

Lot 1: Pies

Fruit Pies	Cream Pies
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Lot 2: Cakes

Marble Cake	Jelly Cake
Fruit Cake	Sponge Cake

Lot 3: Breads

Rye Bread	Milk-Raised Bread
Sponge Bread	Hop-Raised Bread

Lot 4: Dairy

Cream	Butter
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Lot 5: Candy

Lot 6: Cookies

Enter one example of any Domestic item, floral arrangement, art, schoolwork, or miscellaneous work.

Class 4 - Florals & Botanicals

Lot 1: Houseplants

Lot 2: Roses

Lot 3: Flowers

Lot 4: Floral Arrangements - vase, etc.

Lot 5: Floral Wreaths

Lot 6: Preserved Flowers

Pressed Flowers Waxed Flowers

Class 5 - Textiles & Needle Arts

Lot 1: Textile Fabrics

Rag Carpet	Lace Work
Hearth Rug (Hooked)	Shawls
Woolen Mittens	Knit Wool
Crochet Tidy	Table Mats
Cotton Lace	Petticoat
Night Dress	Skirt
Corset Cover	Chemise
Bodice	Calico Dress
Fancy Apron	Work Apron
Sun Bonnet	Hemstitching
Drawnwork	Crochet
Pillow Shams	Tray Cloth
Doilies	Wall Banner
Table Cover (Cloth)	Sofa Pillow
Outline Embroidery	Laundry Bag
Bed Spread	Broom Holder
Pillow	Tea Cloth
Afghan	Child's Bib
Machine Quilting	Cross-Stitch
Woven Spread	Tidy
Beadwork	Card Basket
Best Worked Buttonholes	
Ladies Crochet Vest (Sweater)	
Picture Drape (Fabric Drape)	
Darning on Cotton or Wool	

Lot 2: Girls Department

Darning	Fancy Tidy
Sofa Pillow	Patching
Stitching Sampler	Buttonholes
Hand Sewn Apron	

Class 6 - Art & Miscellaneous Work

Lot 1: Photographic Works

Lot 2: Painting & Drawing

Oil Paint	Water Color
Pen & Ink	Charcoal
Pencil	Oil or Chalk Pastels

Lot 3: Schoolwork

Penmanship	Artwork
Bookkeeping	Arithmetic
Map of Nebraska	
Map of the United States	
Drawing of County Schoolhouse	

Lot 4: Other Crafts

Shellwork	Featherwork
Printmaking	Lithography
Hair Art	Butter Sculpture
Other	

Class 7 - Industrial Arts

Lot 1: Woodwork

Lot 2: Leatherwork

Lot 3: Tinwork

Lot 4: Metalwork (other)

Class 8 - Livestock

Please contact Mrs. R. Bengner in advance to make arrangements for livestock entries. Livestock entries not registered in advance will not be accepted.



Special attention will be given to all entries of foods, arts, produce, sewing, and crafts.

Entries encouraged in all departments!