

Canning Contest

1. The Canning Contest is open to all individuals in Eastland County, ages 5 and up.
2. Entry fees are \$1 per entry for youth and \$2 per entry for adults.
3. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been prepared in the past 12 months (since January 1, 2023).
4. Exhibitors may have only one entry in each category but may enter multiple categories (i.e. exhibitors may have one entry in Class C and one entry in Class A, but not two entries in Class C).
5. Exhibitor's name, phone number and age division must be on the bottom of the jar.
6. All entries must be in regulation canning jars with lid and screw band closures-no paraffin or decorations. Jar size may be from a half-pint minimum to a one quart maximum. Canned vegetables must be properly processed.
7. A 4x6" index card with the typed or handwritten recipe for the canned item must accompany the entry.
8. No rusted lid jars will be allowed.
9. Use of food coloring is discouraged.
10. Judging criteria will be:
 - A. Uniformity of product
 - B. Firmness
 - C. Clarity of liquid
 - D. If properly packed
 - E. Consistency of jams and jellies
 - F. Flavor
11. Entries may be turned in at the Eastland County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, between 8am and 5pm, or may be turned in at the Eastland County Livestock Show Grounds, Hutto-Humiston building on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, between 9am and 7pm.
12. Entries will be displayed on Friday, January 12, 2024 between 12pm and 5pm.
13. All entries must be picked up on Friday, January 12, 2024, between 5pm and 7pm. If you are unable to pick your entry up by 7pm, you must make arrangements for someone else to do so for you. The contest superintendent is not responsible for entries that are not picked up.
14. Entries will be placed First through Third in each category and age division. **"Best of Show"** will be awarded in each age division.

Age Divisions:

- Elementary Youth (5-7 years)
- Junior Youth (8-10 years)
- Intermediate Youth (11-13 years)
- Senior Youth (14-18 years)
- Adult (19 and up)

Classes:

- Class A: Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Class B: Jams, Jellies, and Preserves
- Class C: Pickles
- Class D: Sauces and Relishes
- Class E: Salsas

The greatest care will be taken in handling entries; however, the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest and its volunteers will not be responsible for loss or damage to any entry submitted. Your entry into this Department shall imply an agreement on your part with conditions set forth.