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INTRODUCTION

Since 1971, the Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands has been one of the major activities held on the island of St. Croix and has grown into an agricultural exposition that attracts over 30,000 individuals to the fairgrounds. With the growth of the Fair, the need for precise Rules and Regulations to preserve the Virgin Islands' culture and secure the safety and health of fairgoers became most apparent.

The purpose of this handbook is to acquaint Fair participants with the general rules and regulations governing the annual Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Additionally, it lists the categories and criteria that will inform exhibitors, farmers, schools and youth groups, and food and refreshment vendors how their exhibits will be judged – where applicable.

The Agriculture and Food Fair is governed by a duly constituted Board of Directors, with the Commissioner of Agriculture serving as the President of the Board and the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service serving as the Executive Vice President. All Directors have specific functions but any director has the authority to ensure that participants or visitors do not violate the rules or try to disrupt the activities of the Fair.

The Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) patrols the Fairgrounds and has a control station, usually in the main administrative building of the Department of Agriculture. The Directors of the Fair Board and the VIPD function cooperatively in order to keep the Agriculture and Food Fair a family oriented activity.

The Board encourages all Fair participants to adhere to the Rules and Regulations so that we can continue to have a safe and successful Agriculture and Food Fair.

Board of Directors
Agriculture & Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands

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GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. The Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands is held each year on President's Day weekend of. (This weekend is in mid- February.)
2. **Application forms will be available to participants on November 1 of the year preceding the Fair. The closing date will vary depending on the specific booth area.**
3. Booths may be decorated two days before the Fair weekend, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All decorations must be in good taste and exhibits must be confined within the assigned booth or tent spaces. All participants must provide their own tables, if needed. Only schools and youth groups will be allowed to set up their display starting the Monday prior to the Fair.
4. **ABSOLUTELY NO extensions or additions** to booths or tents are allowed.
5. All booth holders will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds from 7:00 a.m.
6. Fairgrounds gates will be opened to the general public from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
7. Booth holders' vehicles must be removed from the Fairgrounds and parked in designated parking lot areas outside the gates by 9:00 a.m. One parking spot will be reserved per participating organization or individual.
8. **Only specifically permitted vehicles will be allowed on the Fairgrounds between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Handicapped parking is permitted on the Fairgrounds in the Horticultural Nursery location, with paid entrance fee. Entrance is via the west gate and the appropriate sticker MUST be clearly displayed.**

9. Vehicles in violation of any parking restriction may be **TICKETED & WILL BE TOWED** at the owner's expense. All participants and their helpers are asked to observe all parking rules. Appropriate signs are clearly posted in and around the Fairgrounds.
10. Each vendor will be issued **one parking permit for the restricted area**. This parking permit can be used to transport goods into the grounds before 9:00 a. m. Additionally, cars must be parked properly.
All helpers of participants must park in the general parking area if they do not have a parking permit.
11. All animal farmers must obey the parking rules. If a farmer does not have a parking sticker, then the farmer should park in the general parking area.
12. Booth holders who arrive late (after 9:00 a.m.) must hand carry their merchandise to the booths or utilize the transportation provided by the Fair Board.
13. All booth holders are responsible for the entrance fee for their helpers, should the number of helpers exceed the allotted number of passes.
14. **ABSOLUTELY NO alcoholic beverages** shall be sold or consumed on the Fair grounds.
15. **ABSOLUTELY NO carbonated beverages** shall be sold on the Fair grounds.
16. **ABSOLUTELY NO** sale of any type of explosive devices (**i.e. pop shots and pop shot guns**) are allowed on the Fair grounds. The sale of ammonium sulfide "**stink bombs or aerosol products such as silly strings are prohibited**. These materials could seriously affect persons with respiratory problems and may carry a label warning "**keep out of the reach of children.**" **Violators will be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.**
17. T-shirts for sale on the Fairgrounds **shall not portray or illustrate any obscenities.**

18. The Director of each area will hold meetings with participants prior to and, if necessary, during the Fair to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations. Participants will be issued spaces accordingly by the Director in charge of:

Crop Exhibits

Refreshment Booths

Food Booths

Exhibitors' Booths

Youth Activities

Livestock Exhibits

Governmental Organizations

19. Each Director will clearly outline to participants, restrictions on what things can or cannot be changed or modified, parking and the availability of parking permits, and any other rules specific to any particular area at the directors meeting for that section. Absolutely, no weapons, toy guns or knives are to be brought to, or sold on the fair grounds.

20. **There will be NO reimbursement of fees after January 31 of any year. Additionally, there is a 20% non-refundable fee for all paid applications. No exceptions.**

21. The Board authorizes the sale of baby chicks or ducklings only in quantities of 10 or more. Chicks or ducks should be sold in a sturdy container (no paper bags or plastic bags) and sale should be made only to adults.

22. **Off-island participants:**

Absolutely no sales allowed on the First day of the Fair.

There shall be no sale or display of alcohol or alcoholic beverages.

Off-island participants will occupy a 10x10 space.

23. Only animals authorized, by the Director of Livestock, for exhibition in the Fair will be allowed on the fairgrounds. The only exception shall be those used for disability assistance such as seeing eye guide dogs.

No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.

24. **The use of the booths, tents and the Fairgrounds are subject to the Rules herein and the laws of the United States Virgin Islands. Failure to obey the Rules may result in immediate cancellation of the permit and removal from the grounds, with no refund of fees to violators. All vendors must obey the laws of the United States Virgin Islands and adhere to the Rules of the Fair as listed in this booklet.**

FARMERS' MARKET

***All general Rules and Regulations apply to the Farmers' Market.
Additional rules include:**

1. **ONLY PERSONS** who attend meetings called by the Director of Crop Exhibits will be assigned booth spaces.
2. **ONLY local non-chilled, non-carbonated bottled juices shall be sold.**
3. **NO** roasted peanuts, pates, roti, tarts or candies will be sold from booths.
4. All booth holders are expected to keep their produce within their assigned booth spaces.
5. **NO** additions or extensions are allowed on booths. Decorations must be in good taste and meet the approval of the Director of the Farmers' Market.
6. (a) Preserves are **ONLY** allowed to be sold in sealed containers (i.e., bottles, bowls, jars, and cups).

(b) **NO** "spooning out" or sampling of any preserves shall be allowed.

(c) Items allowed to be sold include pepper sauce, pickled vegetables, chutneys and pound seasoning.
7. All agricultural produce must be locally grown. Noted exceptions are trees, which have been on island for a period of **ONE-YEAR OR MORE**. Violators will be asked only **ONCE** to remove produce which are of suspicious origin. If the produce is not

removed, the VIPD will be called. Participants may be asked to show import documents to the Director if one-year-old seedlings are sold.

8. **NO** pop-shots, bomb bags, balloons, toys or other non-agricultural products shall be sold in the Farmers' Market.
9. **The Farmers' Market will be open for business after the opening ceremonies on the first day.** All gates will remain closed to facilitate the opening ceremonies and the judging of booths.
10. **FAILURE** to obey the Rules and Regulations of the Agriculture and Food Fair of the Virgin Islands may result in immediate cancellation of permits and removal from the booths with **NO REFUND**. Cancellations can occur at any time during the Fair.
11. Farmers are asked to minimize theft of each others' plants and produce by following the precise instructions of the Director. Farmers are encouraged to be present during the opening of the market in the mornings and to stay in their booth during closing.



EXHIBITORS' BOOTHS

***All general rules and regulations apply to this area. Additional rules include:**

1. Exhibitors' booths will be housed in tents or other appropriate spaces and will be assigned in the order in which payment was received. All booths must be neatly prepared and maintained. A clear plastic that can be rolled up makes a better rain shelter than tattered blue tarpaulin.
2. **ABSOLUTELY NO** food, beverages, or plants shall be sold in exhibitors' booths.
3. All exhibits must remain intact until the official closing of the Fair. Exhibits should be attractive and should not obscure the ability to "see" the rest of the Fair.
4. **Anyone caught selling any laser lights, weapons (knives, blades, etc), or other explosive devices will be escorted from the Fairgrounds immediately. This includes both popshots and guns. Absolutely no stink bombs can be sold on the Fairgrounds. Also, NO aerosol can products such as silly string shall be sold on the Fairgrounds.**
5. **Special permission is required from the Director Fair officials to put up a banner on booths.**



FOOD BOOTHS

***All general rules and regulations apply to the Food Booths.**

Additional rules include:

The purpose of the Food Exhibits and Sales section of the Fair is to promote interest in the preparation, nutrition and conservation of local native cuisine. Therefore, the exhibition and sale of local Crucian foods will take priority over all and any other foods.

1. **First preference will be given to cultural bearers committed to the promotion of native cuisine and the preservation of the traditional preparation (ingredients) thereof. The Food Director will select the vendors and assign spaces.**
2. **Valid food handlers and health certificates must be presented to the Director of Food Exhibits or designee prior to the opening of the Fair.** Fees associated with these permits are regulated by the V.I. Department of Health, not the V.I. Agriculture and Food Fair Board.
3. Native attire must be worn by persons serving in the food booths during the three days of the Fair.
4. A separate cooking area is provided, and the use of coal pots is encouraged. Cooking area must be kept clean and free of oil at all times during the Fair activities.
5. A disposal receptacle is provided for used cooking oil. Used cooking oil must be disposed of in the designated receptacle.
6. The booths were not designed to carry high wattage electrical equipment. It is a one-weekend affair. Do not bring freezers, deep fryers, etc., to the booths.
7. Prepared and cooked foods must be sold from tables in the Food Pavilion or surrounding booths. There shall be no sale from the outdoor cooking areas.
8. Booths and Tables are limited to the following categories:
 - a. Local fruits and vegetable juices or beverages (non-carbonated)

- b. Native and old fashioned (heritage) foods
- c. Cakes, pastries, pies, breads, and candies
- d. Condiments
- e. Preserves, jams, jellies, etc.

REFRESHMENT BOOTHS

***All general rules and regulations apply to Refreshment Booths.
Additional rules include:**

- 1. First preference will be given to non-profit organizations and schools. The Food Director will select the vendors and assign the spaces.**
- 2. Only locally made beverages, cakes, and finger foods will be sold in the refreshment booths. NO T-shirts, plants, or jewelry shall be sold from these booths.**
- 3. NO store-bought candies, chips, or carbonated beverages shall be sold.**
- 4. If finger foods are prepared on the Fair grounds, it must be done inside the assigned area. No extension of booths is allowed. Used cooking oil must be disposed of at the designated area.**
- 5. Native attire must be worn by all persons serving in the booths during the three days of the Fair.**



FOOD AND REFRESHMENT SECTION

JUDGING RULES

1. All participants in this division should submit at least one item of food to be judged each day.
2. Food must be available at 11:30 a.m. on the day of judging.
3. Foods must be wrapped in saran wrap or displayed in containers. Food should be presented in an attractive manner.
4. All submissions in the native meals categories must include a full complement of trimmings.
Criteria for submitting items to be judged are as follows:
 - a. Native Meals
One full serving in a covered container or on a plate
 - b. Soups
One pint (soups, kallaloo, etc.)
 - c. Balls / Salads
Three separate items or one oz. cup (meatball, salmon balls, fish cakes, gundies, salads, etc.)
*1 serving presented on a plate
 - d. Cakes / Pies / Tarts
Two (2) slices on a plate
 - e. Homemade Yeast and Quick Breads, Benye', Pates, etc.
Two (2) of each item (Johnny Cakes and other small items)
 - f. Candies
Two (2) of each item
 - g. Native Beverages
Submit one (1) 16oz. cup with lid/cover (NO ICE)
 - h. Preserves / Jams / Jellies / Sauces / Seasonings
One (1) jar, bottle, or disposable plastic container

5. All items submitted for judging must have been prepared by the individual submitting it or should bear his or her name.
6. Any item submitted for judging becomes the property of the Agriculture and Food Fair.
7. All participants may prepare items ahead of time. Final cooking may be done on the premises by use of **coal pots, hot plates or camp stoves**.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

1. Food will be judged by numbers. The names will be added after judging.
2. Placed winners will be awarded a ribbon. First place winners will also receive a prize.
3. Winners must submit receipt to receive prize at the end of the day.
4. An Outstanding Achievement award will be given to the participant who receives the most recognition in the judging over the 3-day event.

ASSIGNMENT OF FOOD TABLES/BOOTHS

Booth preferences will be given to participants promoting and selling native (heritage) foods, according to the following priority:

- a. Recognized tradition bearers
- b. School and Church groups
- c. Non-profit organizations
- d. Public booths by lottery only

CRITERIA FOR CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMER OF THE YEAR

There will be a selection of two (2) Farmers of the Year – a crop farmer and a livestock farmer.

Either farmer must:

1. Meet the requirement for a legal business in the US Virgin Islands, i.e., proof of ownership, valid lease or permit and a business/farmer's license. The farmer must also file a Schedule "F" from with the Internal Revenue Bureau.
2. Have been a full or part-time farmer for at least three years and still be actively farming.
3. Be a small, limited resource farmer with a gross income not to exceed \$30,000 per year.
4. Consistently produce high quality crops or livestock.
5. Show evidence of record-keeping practices.
6. Utilize species and varieties of crops and livestock recommended by the UVI-Cooperative Extension Service or other credible public or private agency.
7. Utilize cultural practices recommended by credible private and public agencies: UVI-Cooperative Extension Service, UVI-Agricultural Experiment Station, VI Department of Agriculture, USDA agencies, VI Energy Office, etc.
8. Demonstrate good marketing practices, aesthetically displayed produce, etc. (Method will vary depending on crop or livestock farming).
9. Follow recommended sanitation practices, i.e., proper storage and livestock housing, proper equipment storage (safety procedures).
- 10. Points will be given for each criterion. Criteria 1, 2, and 3 are mandatory to qualify for Farmer of the Year.**

CRITERIA FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUTH EXHIBITS

Schools and youth group exhibits are **FREE** of charge and must adhere to the general rules and regulations. All schools and youth exhibits are to be judged for awards and must meet certain criteria.

Teachers, students and parent helpers must adhere to parking rules and restrictions.

Each school and youth group is responsible for purchasing additional passes that exceed the allotted number of gate passes.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. **Craftsmanship** – The projects displayed within the booth should be of good quality. The projects must be structurally sound and durably constructed. **(10 points)**
2. **Structure & Design** – The booth/exhibit should be well put together, presented clearly, and in a logical order. Attention must be sustained by the project and focused on the objective. **(10 points)**
3. **Originality** – The project must be unique. The exhibit must show original thinking, innovative ideas or new techniques. **(25 points)**
4. **Finishing** – The display must be neat and visually appealing. **(15 points)**
5. **Educational Value** – The project/display must have merit and can be used as a teaching or learning tool. The objective of the project/display should be understood by one not trained in the subject matter area. **(25 points)**
6. **Appropriateness and Relation to Theme** – The display must portray the theme and the theme should reverberate throughout the display. The overall display must tell a complete and concise story as it relates to the theme. **(15 points)**
7. **Student/Youth Involvement** – Via your interview and discussing with the youth representatives it should become apparent that the

booth, from conceptualization, to design, to implementation, and ultimately on construction, should reflect maximum student or youth involvement. Youth representatives should be able to respond in a mannerly fashion, illustrating their knowledge of and familiarity with the booth design, contents, etc. **(15 points)**

OVERALL DISPLAY

For elementary schools, adult supervision and involvement in setting up displays is required; however, individual projects should be the student's work.

For junior and senior high schools, adult supervision is expected; however, the students should do the overall design and construction of the booth.



CRITERIA FOR CONTAINER GARDENING

1. **Attractiveness of container** (painted or covered with foil, not rotted, rusted, dented or broken) **(10 points)**
2. **Attractiveness – Free from weeds (10 points)**
3. **Quality of plants (15 points)**
4. **Free from pests and diseases (20 points)**
5. **Productivity of plant** (flowering or fruiting) **(20 points)**
6. **Labeling of species planted (15 points)**
7. **Location of container garden** (cleanliness, accessibility to sun light) **(10 points)**

CRITERIA FOR BOX GARDENING

1. **Quality of plant arrangement (10 points)**
2. **Uniformity of spacing (10 points)**
3. **Attractiveness – free from weeds (15 points)**
4. **Free from pests and diseases (20 points)**
5. **Productivity of plant** (flowering or fruiting) **(20 points)**
6. **Labeling of species planted (15 points)**
7. **Species of crops planted** (vegetables interplanted with herbs) **(10 points)**

CRITERIA FOR A CONVENTIONAL PLOT GARDEN

1. **Quality of land preparation (10 points)**
2. **Uniformity of spacing (10 points)**
3. **Quality of plant arrangement (10 points)**

4. **Attractiveness** – free from weeds (**10 points**)
5. **Quality of plants** (**10 points**)
6. **Free from pests and diseases** (**10 points**)
7. **Productivity of plant** (flowering or fruiting) (**20 points**)
8. **Labeling of species planted** (**10 points**)
9. **Species of crops planted** (vegetables interplanted with herbs) (**10 points**)

4-H / YOUTH LIVESTOCK DIVISION

This division is open to any youth currently enrolled in a bonafide youth educational program (e.g., 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, home school, etc.) In order to earn any awards/premiums in this division, entrants must enter in the appropriate showmanship class for their specie. If they are entering more than one specie, they may enter any one or all appropriate showmanship classes.

DIVISION A.

- Class 1.
- Class 2.
- Class 3.
- Class 4.
- Class 5.
- Class 6.
- Class 7.
- Class 8.

Rabbits

- Junior buck – under 6 months
- Senior buck – 6 months & over
- Junior doe – under 6 months
- Senior doe – 6 months & over
- Pen of 3 Market rabbits
- Showmanship-Novice (5-8 yrs)
- Showmanship-Junior (9-12 yrs)
- Showmanship-Senior (13-18 yrs)

DIVISION B.

- Class 1. Cockerel – under 1 year
- Class 2. Cock – 1 year & over
- Class 3. Pullet – not laying
- Class 4. Hen – laying
- Class 5. Pen of 3 Market Birds
- Class 6. Showmanship – Novice (5-8 years)
- Class 7. Showmanship – Junior (9-12 years)
- Class 8. Showmanship – Senior (13-18 years old)

Poultry

- Turkey
- Duck
- 2a. Tom
- 2b. Drake
- 4a. Hen
- 4b. Hen

DIVISION C.

- Class 1.
- Class 2.
- Class 3.
- Class 4.
- Class 5.
- Class 6.
- Class 7.

Sheep

- Ewe, any breed – under 1 year
- Ewe, any breed – 1 year & over
- Wether – under 6 months
- Ram – under 6 months
- Showmanship-Novice (5-8 yrs)
- Showmanship-Junior (9-12 yrs)
- Showmanship-Senior (13-18 yrs)

DIVISION D.

- Class 1.
- Class 2.
- Class 3.
- Class 4.
- Class 5.
- Class 6.
- Class 7.

Goat

- Doeling, any breed – under 1 year
- Doeling, any breed – 1 year & over
- Wether – under 6 months
- Buck – under 6 months
- Showmanship-Novice (5-8 yrs)
- Showmanship-Junior (9-12 yrs)
- Showmanship-Senior (13-18 yrs)

DIVISION E.

- Class 1.
- Class 2.
- Class 3.
- Class 4.
- Class 5.
- Class 6.

Dairy

- Heifer, any breed – under 1 year
- Bred Heifer, any breed – 1 yr & over
- Steer – under 6 months
- Showmanship-Novice (5-8 yrs)
- Showmanship-Junior (9-12 yrs)
- Showmanship-Senior (13-18 yrs)

DIVISION F.

Specials

Class 1. Groom Squad Competition – a team consists of four (4) youth and one (1) adult; in a timed competition and as a team they plan and groom a horse for one (1) team member to show; teams are judged on teamwork, adherence to safety guidelines, general knowledge and presentation.

Class 2. Showmanship Sweepstakes – open to showmanship winners in each specie; each participant must show all species represented in Divisions A-E; participants will be judged specifically on their showmanship abilities and will be allowed to use their own animal in the specie that they won showmanship in.

Class 3. Herdmanship – all youth entries are automatically judged for this award; criteria includes making sure that animal has clean feed and water at all times; pen/stall area is maintained free of debris, trash and soiled bedding; entry meets all Rules and Regulations outlined by the Board through its livestock division and is maintained in a clean and healthy condition throughout the duration of the Fair; exhibit is appropriately identified; entrant is courteous, helpful and demonstrates good sportsmanship and cooperation at all times.

AWARDS / PREMIUMS

All entries in classes other than showmanship will be judged using the Danish system with “A”, “B” and “C” group ratings. This system allows all participants to be recognized for their efforts. In rare instances, the judge(s) may choose not to recognize an entry because of unthriftiness, unpreparedness or other reasons. In these cases, the judge(s)’ decision is binding and should be discussed with the entrant so that the situation can be improved upon by the entrant.

In Showmanship classes, the awards will be as follows:

Novice (5-8)	1 st place:	Trophy, rosette and gift certificate
	2 nd place:	Rosette and gift certificate
	3 rd place:	Rosette and gift certificate
	Honorable Mention:	Ribbon
Junior (9-12)	1 st place:	Trophy, rosette and gift certificate
	2 nd place:	Rosette and gift certificate
	3 rd place:	Rosette and gift certificate
	4 th place	Rosette
	Honorable Mention:	Ribbon
Senior (13+)	1 st place:	Trophy, rosette and gift certificate
	2 nd place:	Rosette and gift certificate
	3 rd place:	Rosette and gift certificate
	Honorable Mention:	Ribbon

LIVESTOCK CLASS LISTINGS

CLASS	DIVISION	QUALIFIERS
SENEPOL CATTLE	MALE-JUNIOR	1 animal only, between 10 and 24 months of age
SENEPOL CATTLE	MALE-SENIOR	1 animal only, greater than 24 months of age
SENEPOL CATTLE	FEMALE-JUNIOR	1 animal only, between 10 and 30 months of age, never calved
SENEPOL CATTLE	FEMALE-SENIOR	1 animal only, greater than 30 months of age, with or without calf. NOTE: Young, if present, must be at least 1 month of age.)
SENEPOL CATTLE	FAMILY	1 mature male, 1 mature female, 1 or more young belonging to female. NOTE: Young must be at least 1 month of age.
BEEF CATTLE	MALE – JUNIOR	1 animal only, between 10 and 24 months of age
BEEF CATTLE	MALE-SENIOR	1 animal only, greater than 24 months of age
BEEF CATTLE	FEMALE-JUNIOR	(1 animal only, between 10 and 30 months of age, never calved
BEEF CATTLE	FEMALE-SENIOR	1 animal only, greater than 30 months of age, with or without calf. NOTE: Young, if present, must be at least 1 month of age.
BEEF CATTLE	FAMILY	1 mature male, 1 mature female, 1 or more young belonging to female. NOTE: Young must be at least 1 month of age.
DAIRY CATTLE	MALE-JUNIOR	1 animal only, between 10 and 24 months of age
DAIRY CATTLE	MALE-SENIOR	1 animal only, greater than 24 months of age
DAIRY CATTLE	FEMALE-JUNIOR	1 animal only, between 10 and 30 months of age, never calved
DAIRY CATTLE	FEMALE-SENIOR	1 animal only, greater than 30 months of age
DAIRY CATTLE	PAIR	1 male, 1 female, both of breeding age
GOATS-LOCAL BREED	MALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age
GOATS-LOCAL BREED	FEMALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age, with or without kids. NOTE: Kids, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age
GOATS-LOCAL BREED	FAMILY	1 mature male, 1 mature female, 1 or more kids belonging to female. NOTE: Kids, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age.
GOATS-IMPORT BREED	MALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age
GOATS-IMPORT BREED	FEMALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age, with or without kids. NOTE: Kids, if

		present, must be at least 2 weeks of age
GOATS-IMPORT BREED	FAMILY	1 mature male, 1 mature female, 1 or more kids belonging to female. NOTE: Kids, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age.
SHEEP-LOCAL BREED	MALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age
SHEEP-LOCAL BREED	FEMALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age, with or without lambs. NOTE: Lambs, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age
SHEEP-LOCAL BREED	FAMILY	1 mature male, 1 mature female, 1 or more lambs belonging to female. NOTE: Lambs, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age
SHEEP-IMPORT BREED	MALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age
SHEEP-IMPORT BREED	FEMALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age, with or without lambs. NOTE: Lambs, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age
SHEEP-IMPORT BREED	FAMILY	1 mature male, 1 mature female, 1 or more lambs belonging to female. NOTE: Lambs, if present, must be at least 2 weeks of age
SWINE	MALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age
SWINE	FEMALE	1 animal only, at least 6 months of age, with or without young. NOTE: Young, if present, must be at least 3 weeks of age
SWINE	PAIR	1 male, 1 female, both at least 6 months of age, with or without young. NOTE: Young, if present, must be at least 3 weeks of age
RABBITS	MALE	1 animal, at least 8 weeks of age
RABBITS	FEMALE	1 animal, at least 8 weeks of age, with or without young. NOTE: Young, if present, must be at least 3 weeks of age
POULTRY	COMMERCIAL	Broiler-type chickens, Layer-type chickens, Turkeys. NOTE: No more than 3 birds
POULTRY	FANCY	Peacocks, Guinea fowl, Pheasants, Quail, Jungle fowl, Bantam-type chickens. NOTE: No more than 3 birds
POULTRY	WATERFOWL	Ducks, Geese, Swan. NOTE: No more than 3 birds
POULTRY	OTHER	Pigeons, Parrots, Cockatiels, Doves, Finches, Parakeets. NOTE: No more than 3 birds

LIVESTOCK CONTEST CLASS CRITERIA

CLASS	DESCRIPTION/CRITERIA
SENEPOL FAMILY	<p>Local Senepol Breed cattle. Consists of 1 mature bull, 1 mature cow, and the current calf (or calves) belonging to the cow being shown. Calf should be at least one month of age (for the well being of the calf) and less than weaning age. Cattle should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Cattle should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. If at all possible, the bull should be the sire of the calf presented.</p> <p>Cattle will be judged as a unit against the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association breed standard and the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SENEPOL FEMALE JUNIOR/SENIOR	<p>Local Senepol Breed cattle. Junior animal should be between weaning age (10 months) and 30 months of age. Senior animal should be over 30 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association breed standard and the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SENEPOL MALE JUNIOR/SENIOR	<p>Local Senepol Breed cattle. Junior animal should be between weaning age (10 months) and 30 months of age and have never calved. Senior animal should be over 30 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association breed standard and the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
BEEF FAMILY	<p>Non-Senepol Beef type cattle. Consists of 1 mature bull, 1 mature cow, and the current calf (or calves) belonging to the cow being shown. Calf should be at least one month of age (for the well being of the calf) and less than weaning age. Cattle should exhibit proper conformation and be in overall healthy condition. Cattle should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. If at all possible, the bull should be the sire of the calf presented. Crosses between Senepol and local cattle and mixed groupings of Senepol and Non-Senepol individuals will be judged in this category.</p>

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DAIRY PAIR	Dairy type cattle such as Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, etc. Pair to consist of 1 bull and 1 heifer or cow. Pair should be of breeding age and should be matched for characteristics. Cattle should exhibit proper conformation and be in overall healthy condition. Cattle should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Large Livestock Criteria"
DAIRY FEMALE JUNIOR/SENIOR	Dairy type cattle such as Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, etc. Should consist of 1 heifer or cow. Junior animal should be between weaning age (10 months) and 30 months of age and have never calved. Senior animal should be over 30 months of age. Cattle should exhibit proper conformation and be in overall healthy condition. Cattle should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"
DAIRY MALE JUNIOR/SENIOR	Dairy type cattle such as Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, etc. Should consist of 1 bull. Junior animal should be between weaning age (10 months) and 30 months of age. Senior animal should be over 30 months of age. Cattle should exhibit proper conformation and be in overall healthy condition. Cattle should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"
SHEEP FAMILY - LOCAL BREED	Animals presented should be of a breed or mix of breeds that are indigenous to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 mature ram, 1 mature ewe and the lamb(s) belonging to the presented ewe. If at all possible, the ram presented should be the sire of the presented lamb(s). Animals should exhibit proper conformation,

	<p>properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animals should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Crosses between local and import breeds and mixed groupings will be included here.</p> <p>Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SHEEP FEMALE - LOCAL BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed or mix of breeds that are indigenous to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 ewe sheep at least 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Crosses between local and import breeds will be included here.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SHEEP MALE - LOCAL BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed or mix of breeds that are indigenous to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 ram or wether sheep at least 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Crosses between local and import breeds will be included here.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SHEEP FAMILY - IMPORT BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed that has been recently introduced to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 mature ram, 1 mature ewe and the lamb(s) belonging to the presented ewe. If at all possible, the ram presented should be the sire of the presented lamb(s). Animals should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animals should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases.</p> <p>Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
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SHEEP MALE - IMPORT BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed that has been recently introduced to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 ram or wether sheep at least 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases.</p>

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GOAT FAMILY - LOCAL BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed or mix of breeds that are indigenous to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 mature buck, 1 mature doe and the kid(s) belonging to the presented doe. If at all possible, the buck presented should be the sire of the presented kid(s). Animals should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animals should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Crosses between local and import breeds and mixed groupings will be included here.</p> <p>Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
GOAT FEMALE - LOCAL BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed or mix of breeds that are indigenous to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 doe goat at least 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Crosses between local and import breeds will be included here.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
GOAT MALE - LOCAL BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed or mix of breeds that are indigenous to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 buck or wether goat at least 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases. Crosses between local and import breeds will be included here.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
GOAT FAMILY - IMPORT BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed that has been recently introduced to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 mature buck, 1 mature doe and the kid(s) belonging to the presented doe. If at all possible, the buck presented should be the sire of the presented kid(s). Animals should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animals should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases.</p> <p>Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
GOAT FEMALE - IMPORT BREED	<p>Animals presented should be of a breed that has been recently introduced to the Virgin Islands. Class to consist of 1 doe goat at least 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation, properly represent the breed standards and be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from ticks and other obvious injuries or diseases.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>

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SWINE PAIR	<p>Class to consist of 1 boar and 1 gilt or sow. Pair should be of uniform size and a minimum of 6 months of age. Animals should exhibit proper conformation and should be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from obvious signs of parasites, disease and injury.</p> <p>Pair will be judged as a unit against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SWINE FEMALE	<p>Class to consist of 1 gilt or sow a minimum of 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation and should be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from obvious signs of parasites, disease and injury.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
SWINE MALE	<p>Class to consist of 1 boar or barrow a minimum of 6 months of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation and should be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from obvious signs of parasites, disease and injury.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Large Livestock Criteria"</p>
RABBIT FEMALE	<p>Class to consist of 1 doe rabbit at least 8 weeks of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation and should be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from obvious signs of parasites, disease and injury.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Rabbit Criteria" in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. standards</p>
RABBIT MALE	<p>Class to consist of 1 buck rabbit at least 8 weeks of age. Animal should exhibit proper conformation and should be in overall healthy condition. Animal should be free from obvious signs of parasites, disease and injury.</p> <p>Animal will be judged against the "Rabbit Criteria" in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. standards</p>
POULTRY -	<p>Class to consist of birds representing commercially produced poultry, as listed on the application form. Division entries will be limited to not more than three birds per entry, one entry per exhibitor, and will be</p>

COMMERCIAL	judged as a single unit. Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Poultry Criteria"
POULTRY - FANCY	Class to consist of birds representing fancy or exotic poultry, as listed on the application form. Division entries will be limited to not more than three birds per entry, one entry per exhibitor, and will be judged as a single unit. Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Poultry Criteria"
POULTRY - WATERFOWL	Class to consist of birds representing waterfowl, as listed on the application form. Division entries will be limited to not more than three birds per entry, one entry per exhibitor, and will be judged as a single unit. Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Poultry Criteria"
POULTRY - OTHER	Class to consist of birds representing non-commercially produced fowl, as listed on the application form. Division entries will be limited to not more than three birds per entry, one entry per exhibitor, and will be judged as a single unit. Animals will be judged as a unit against the "Poultry Criteria"
SWEEPSTAKES	Selection of the winner in this class is based on the scope of the exhibit, overall quality and thriftiness of entries, labeling, cleanliness and general attractiveness. Educational content is also evaluated. All entrants in above classes are eligible.



**JUDGING SHEET
LIVESTOCK CONTEST
LARGE LIVESTOCK CRITERIA**

JUDGING CRITERIA	POINTS (Max)	DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA
BREED / SPECIE CHARACTER	15	How well does the animal compare to the ideal of that breed or specie?
HEAD & NECK	10	Head features should be appropriate for the sex of the animal; head should attach cleanly to the neck, throatlatch should be clean to allow ample breathing room and head movement; neck should attach smoothly to the shoulder at the proper angle.
FEET & LEGS	10	Animal should have proper bone structure, clean joints and proper angle in shoulder, hip and pasterns; legs should be straight; the animal should be sound (not lame).
BACK & LOIN	10	Entry should have a strong back, broad loin; top line should exhibit length and curvature appropriate to specie and should tie in smoothly at hip and shoulder.
REPRODUCTIVE CHARACTER	15	MALE: Proper testicular and penile development and conformation, masculinity. FEMALE: Proper udder development (appropriate size, ligament support, number, size, and shape of teats), pelvic area (space between pin bones), femininity.
CLEANLINESS	15	Every effort should be made to present an animal in a suitable manner; excessive dirtiness and obvious unthriftiness should be discriminated against. <i>NOTE: Any animal having ticks or other parasites, open wounds, or otherwise deemed unsound shall be disqualified in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the fair.</i>
GENERAL APPEARANCE	15	BALANCE: How well do the separate pieces of the animal fit together? Do they look like they belong with each other? EYE APPEAL: Is the animal pleasing to look at? FORM-TO-FUNCTION: Does the animal have the equipment to do what its expected to do? Can it do as well as it needs to?
PRESENTAION	10	Is the presentation of the animal(s) enhanced by the availability of performance, production and pedigree information, parents and date of birth? Display should be pleasing to the eye and allow the animal to be seen in the best of all possible aspects. Decorations and reasonable ornamentation of the pen or cage are highly encouraged.
TOTAL	100	