

Food Preservation

- Each exhibitor is allowed to enter only one division, i.e. Youth, Adult Open, or Golden
- Each exhibitor is allowed one entry per class with a maximum of **ten** entries total.
- All entries must be produced with current season's produce.
- Entries entered in the CCAF in 2025 will not be eligible for future CCAF contests. Entries entered in previous Chattooga County Agricultural Fair competitions are not eligible for re-entry.
- All entries will be in quart, pint, or half pint brand name jars. Jams, jellies, and preserves will be accepted in jam/ jelly jars.
- Entries will not be accepted with wax, ribbons, or décor on the lid.
- All products must be processed according to the most recently recognized canning methods in the Ball Blue Book and UGA Extension publications. All products must meet USDA recommendations. Contact the Chattooga County Extension if you have questions.
- Canning jars with new lids and rings must be used. Mayonnaise jars, etc. will not be accepted. Rusted lids or leaking jars will not be accepted.
- All dried food entries must be entered in a canning jar (see above) with the contents labeled on the top of the jar.
- Utmost care will be taken in displaying entries. The CCAF and associates are not responsible for mishaps or damages.
- Entries will be received on Monday, August 24, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Tuesday, August 25, 2026, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Chattooga County Agriculture Building. There are no exceptions.
- Upon registration, each contestant will be required to fill out entry tags for each entry.
- Judging will take place on August 27, 2026, and will not be open to the public.
- Three placings will be awarded in each category, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, with one Grand Champion per division per the judging panel's discretion (all classes combined). One Best in Show will be awarded (all divisions and classes combined). Honorable Mentions will be awarded at the judging panel's discretion.
- **Any entry that does not meet the rules and regulations as specified for the category entered will not be eligible for judging and will be displayed as exhibition only.**
- Entries will remain on display at the CCAF for the duration of the fair. Any alterations or removal will result in forfeiture of premiums/awards and exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in future CCAF contests/exhibits.
- Entries and premiums will be available for pick up on Monday, August 31, 2026, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Receipt for your exhibits **MUST** accompany pick up. Any entry not picked up will become the property of the CCAF and will be donated as the CCAF determines.

Divisions: One division entry allowed per exhibitor

- Youth: 17 years and under
- Adult: 18+years
- Golden: Age 65+

Classes:

- **Vegetable**
 - Canned green beans
 - Canned corn
 - Other: this includes potatoes, peas etc.

- **Fruit**
 - Canned peaches
 - Canned apples
 - Canned berries: any variety
 - Canned pears
 - Other: any other canned fruit
 - Fruit Juice
 - Sauces, including applesauce

- **Tomatoes**
 - Whole or dices tomatoes
 - Sauce or juiced tomatoes

- **Salsa**
 - Tomato based salsas
 - Fruit based salsas

- **Pickled**
 - Cucumbers (whole, spears or sliced)
 - Okra
 - Beets
 - Peppers
 - Relishes
 - Krauts
 - Eggs
 - Other (any other vinegar based canned item)

- **Soup Mix**
 - Any type of soup mix

- **Sweet Spreads**
 - Jams
 - Jelly
 - Preserves
 - Butters
 - Conserves
 - Other, including marmalades, syrup, etc.

- **BBQ Sauce**
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- **Dried Foods** – Entries must be in glass canning jars with contents labeled on the top of the jar.
 - Fruit, including fruit leathers
 - Herbs, crushed or whole sprigs
 - Meat
 - Nuts

- **Honey** – Entries must be in honey jar or canning jar