

FOOD PRESERVATION - Section M

FOOD PRESERVATION RULES

Any processed food, including dried foods, will be evaluated based on appearance and process used. If there is a concern about food safety, the entry may not be tasted. Process must be described.

Criteria for exhibiting home canned foods:

- a. Canned exhibit consist of one standard clear-glassed canning jar processed with a self-sealing, two piece lid. Each exhibit must be sealed. Canned goods may be exhibited with or without the screw-on band.
- b. Jars must be labeled with contents, date preserved and type of processing (ex. boiling water bath), time of process, and altitude adjustment. (Time and method of process should agree with USDA recommendations.)
- c. Appropriate head space requirements must be followed for example: fruit juices – ¼ inch; vegetables – ½ to 1 inch; jams & jellies – ¼ inch, pickles – ½ inch; tomatoes – ½ inch.
- d. The following entries will be disqualified: a) food processed and packaged not following current (1989 or later) USDA recommendations; b) Paraffin sealed jams or jellies; c) jars with zinc lids; d) foods in green glass jars or non standardized jars; e) foods that have been improperly processed or packed; f) jars with more than 2" headspace; g) jars with added color, bleach, sulfite or other preservatives. (For example, baking soda may not be added to green vegetables and acids may not be added to non-picked foods with the exception of tomatoes and figs.)

AWARDS:

Blue \$2.00 Red \$1.50 White \$1.00

Class # 1-12

1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Vegetable
3. Canned Tomatoes
4. Canned Juice
5. Pickles/Relish
6. Jam/Jelly/Marmalade
7. Pie Filling

Dried/Dehydrated Foods

Dried foods must be displayed in either clear one-half pint or pint size sip closure bags or glass jars with tight fitting lids. Foods in unapproved containers or more than one year old will not be judged. An accompanying 3"x5" card should include method of drying, pre-treatment method (if used), source of directions and date of preparation.

8. Dried Vegetables
9. Dried Fruit
10. Leathers
11. Herbs
12. Other home preserved food not included in classes 1-11