

HORTICULTURE DIVISION



The 2009 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grand Champion Horticulture project was exhibited by Ginger Garza, a member of Edinburg North FFA. Rio Farms purchased the plant for \$2,000.

Entry Deadline	January 15
Entry Fee.....	\$5.00
Check-In/Classifying.....	
.....	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, March 13
Judging	2:00 PM, Saturday, March 13
Judging of Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion	
.....	4:00 PM, Saturday, March 13
Release	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 21

HORTICULTURE DIVISION RULES

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 15, 2009, and must not have been rooted or seeded before the previous year's livestock show. Exception: Class seven.
2. Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy County and in their respective FFA chapter or 4-H club from November 1, 2009, through the Show period.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION CONTINUED

3. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under twenty as of January 1, 2010.
4. Plants must be wiped clean. No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage other than soap and water.
5. All plants must be watered prior to entry.
6. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the Show.
7. All plants must be living.
8. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter 3 plants, but bring only 1 plant to the show. A separate entry application must be completed for each entry.
9. No entry may be re-potted within sixty days of the Show. Pots showing evidence of this will be subject to removal from the Show. All pots are subject to a re-potting test. Pots will not be sold after January 12, 2010.
10. Deadline for entries will be January 15, 2010. One entry fee of \$5.00 must accompany the entries. Two color pictures of each entry (3 ½ x 5 or 4 x 6) must accompany the entry card, one taken on or before December 15, 2009 and the other taken within 1 (one) week of the entry date. No student or school name or club name will be allowed in the picture. **You must get double prints of each picture (one to submit by deadlines and one to be used for the record book).** Pictures must be clear enough to see individual plant or plants. In the bulb category photographs should be taken of the bulbs. It is not necessary to photograph with soil or in a pot. All pictures must match the ones sent in to the Show Office.
11. An entry identification card must be attached to each project at check-in time.
12. Horticulture Record Books - Each exhibitor shall prepare a written record book of his or her entry to be submitted with each entry at check-in time.
 - a. Horticulture Record Books may be typed, printed or neatly written by the exhibitor.
 - b. Horticulture Record Book worksheets can be obtained from the Livestock Show Office or online at www.rgvlivestockshow.com.
 - c. Record book is used for validation and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie.
 - d. At least three photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book. First photo before December 15, 2009, second photo before January 15, 2010 and the third photo to be taken at least two weeks prior to the March Show. Committee will meet to



review and validate or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 15, 2010 entry deadline.

13. Check-in time will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturday, March 13. Judging of Horticulture entries will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Judging for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon in the Steer Barn Arena.
14. Entries will be classified upon arrival at the Show. The Horticulture co-chairmen will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries. Entries that meet all rules and regulations will be placed in one of the 10 Divisions.
15. All projects must be grown in a home or school facility under the supervision of an AST/4-H leader.
16. No accessories on the outside or inside of the pots or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse except for the trellises bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil. See Show Container section of this book for more details.
17. Exhibitors must be responsible for getting their plants from greenhouse to judging area and back to greenhouse if they have a division winner.
18. All contestants need to be prepared, if necessary, to answer questions from the judge about planting dates, watering, fertilizing and/or other care and management questions about their projects at entry time.
19. After judging, all plants may be tagged for sale in the Greenhouse area. Plants will be released to students or buyers on Sunday, March 21 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Any plants not picked up by this time will become the property of the Show.
20. Violation or failure to comply with any of these rules could cause a project to be sifted. The committee has the right to enforce that any sifted project must be immediately removed from the Show grounds.
21. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into mind in general.
 - A. Maturity stage
 - B. New growth
 - C. Symmetry, fullness, and balance
 - D. Insect damage
 - E. Disease
 - F. Leaf color
 - G. General appearance and size for age
 - H. Record Book, if good, could improve placing

CONTAINER SIZE REGULATIONS

TERRARIUMS - no larger than 4 square feet in size, outside diameter.

SHOW CONTAINER - All other containers will be provided by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. All entries **must** use the official containers provided by the Show. Entries that arrive at the Show in any containers other than the Official Show containers and Terrarium Containers **will not** be accepted. Containers must be paid for by the exhibitor or the 4-H or FFA leader when they are picked up at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Container prices will be based on the actual cost of the containers when they are purchased by the Show. All trellises used must be bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and not altered in any manner.

CONTAINER PRICES

(Containers will no be sold after January 12, 2010.)

10" Planter - \$1.25

10" Hanging Basket - \$1.00

16" Oval Planter - \$1.75

Trellis - \$6.50

PLANT DIVISIONS

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| Division 1 | Foliage Plants |
| Division 2 | Succulents |
| Division 3 | Trailers/Vines |
| Division 4 | Flowering Plants |
| Division 5 | Tree Types (less than one year old and a single trunk) |
| Division 6 | Ferns |
| Division 7 | Bulbs (Corm, Rhizome, Tubers & Pseudo Bulbs) |
| Division 8 | Terrariums |
| Division 9 | Collection of Herbs (three or more varieties) |
| Division 10 | Combination Plants (must contain 2 or more different plant species. Example: Ivy, Crouton and/or flowering plants.) |
| Division 11 | Vegetable Plants (any live plant classified as a vegetable with or without the fruit. Example: Tomato Plants). |

Grand Champion - All 11 division champions will compete.

Reserve Grand Champion – The Reserve Champion from the division that produced the Grand Champion and the remaining 10 division champions will compete.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, all Division Champions and the Reserve Class Champion of the division that produced the Grand Champion will sell at the Sale of Champion's Auction on Saturday, March 20. At the time of sale



these plants will become the property of the buyer and must be immediately given to the buyer before leaving the sale area.

Grand Champion.....Belt Buckle, Plaque and Banner
 Reserve Grand ChampionPlaque and Banner
 Class Champions Rosette
 Reserve Class ChampionRosette
 Third place through tenth places will be awarded ribbons.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

PREMIUMS

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

Premium will be based on the number of head showing in each class:

- 1 - 10 Entries..... To 5th Place
- 11 - 20 Entries..... To 10th Place
- 21 - 30 EntriesTo 15th Place
- Over 30 EntriesTo 20th Place

PLACING

PREMIUM

1.....	\$25
2.....	\$24
3.....	\$23
4.....	\$22
5.....	\$21
6.....	\$20
7.....	\$19
8.....	\$18
9.....	\$17
10.....	\$16
11.....	\$15
12.....	\$14
13.....	\$13
14.....	\$12
15.....	\$11
16.....	\$10
17.....	\$9
18.....	\$8
19.....	\$7
20.....	\$6