

# Citrus Tree-Department (CTC)

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## CITRUS TREE CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, 2011. Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H or FFA.
- TREE REQUIREMENTS:** All trees must be planted and grown in the original container issued to them in May of the prior year. If an identification tag is issued in May, it must be the original tag and present on tree at the time of fair. Contest officials have the right to reject entries of inferior quality or diseased plants.
- REQUIRED:** All participants in the citrus tree contest will be required to participate in the citrus tree skill-a-thon. Special awards will be presented to the top scorers in each class.
- DRESS CODE:** Blue or Black jeans, White collared shirt or Club T-shirts tucked in. 4-H jacket or FFA jacket are optional.
- REGISTRATION:** All trees must be registered on Registration Day.
- TREE CARE:** Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of their tree during the fair.
- TREE SALES:** Contestants selling their tree will be required to:
  - provide written care instructions for the buyer
  - write a personalized thank-you letter to the buyer. All thank-you letters must be turned in to the Fair Office no later than Monday, March 2, 2012. It must be in an unsealed envelope, stamped, addressed to your buyer(s), and return addressed. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a \$100.00 deduction from your check and the check will be held until you do so. (Note: The \$100 penalty only applies to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place trees of each class). In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place exhibitors of each class are required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo and/or plaque to their buyer. The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyers signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check(mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office). Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this by the determined due date. Please allow 6 weeks from fair for photos, plaques and checks to become available.
  - write a thank you letter for any add-ons received.Five (5) percent of sale value of each tree will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the top six trees sold.
- SHOW LIMITATION:** Entries shall be limited to one tree per individual. Contestants must only show the tree issued to them in May of the prior year. Replacement trees may only be obtained in the thirty days following the original issuing of trees, and only as long as trees from the original lot are still available.
- CHECK OUT:** All trees, except those sold during the citrus tree sale, must remain until the close of the fair. Exhibits removed before check-out time and date will result in forfeiture of premium money.
- PREMIUMS:** All premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors after the fair. Please allow up to 6 weeks.

## **TREE JUDGING AND AWARDS**

- Trees will be pre-judged and classified as blue, red, or white by qualified judges based upon a pre-established set of standards.
- Trees rated as blue will be eligible to be "shown" by the exhibitor in the citrus show.
- Separate classes will be held for junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H and FFA members. Within these three groups, trees will be placed first through fifth place and winners will receive rosette ribbons. During this final judging process exhibitors need to be prepared to answer questions concerning the care of their trees.
- First place winners from the three classes will be considered for overall grand champion tree. The class receiving the grand champion citrus tree will then be represented by the second place tree of that class. Then from those three classes, the reserve grand champion will be chosen. Grand champion and reserve champion will receive trophies.
- Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting their own buyers.**

## SECTION 1 - CITRUS TREE CONTEST

### CLASSES

01 Junior (8-10 yrs.)

02 Intermediate (11-13 yrs.)

03 Senior (14-18 yrs.)

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### SECTION 2 - CITRICULTURE

(Spare Tree)

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, 2011, except for Cloverbud class. Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H or FFA.
2. **SHOW LIMITATION:** Each 4-H and FFA member may enter one tree issued to them in May of the prior year. Replacement trees may only be obtained in the thirty days following the original issuing of trees, and only as long as trees from the original lot are still available.

#### CLASSES

01 Junior (8-12 yrs.)

02 Intermediate (13-15 yrs.)

03 Senior (16-19 yrs.)

04 Cloverbud (5-7 yrs)