

**DEPARTMENT: E3
SCARECROW CONTEST**

Superintendent: Jeff Colgan - 845-856-7175

Department Rules:

1. **ENTRY FORMS:** Must be received before **3:00pm** on **WEDNESDAY 17, 2024**.
2. **ENTRY TAGS:** Exhibitor will pick up their tags at the time the entries are brought in.
3. **SCARECROW ENTRIES:** Are to be brought to the fairgrounds on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024**, starting at **4:00pm**. All scarecrows must be in place and finished by **8:00pm** unless other arrangements have been made with the Department Superintendent prior to this date. No appointments are necessary.
4. The Orange County Fairgrounds will provide stuffing for the Scarecrow. All other materials are the sole responsibility of the entrant.
5. All entries must be sitting (chair provided by entrant) or free standing (no leaning). Standing scarecrows should be well supported by a sturdy base and post.
6. Hay and straw **CANNOT** be used because of fire regulations.
7. Articles used may be constructed prior to bringing them in for final construction.
8. Final assembly must occur on fairgrounds and be done by the entrant in the individual JUNIOR entries. All others may be brought in pre-assembled or assembled on site.
9. The "Youth Class" (class #4) entries may have help from an adult to secure the scarecrow. The entrant should do as much as they are able to do to assemble and set-up the scarecrow.
10. THE ORANGE COUNTY FAIR WILL TRY TO SECURE YOUR ENTRY BUT WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES LOST OR STOLEN DURING THE DURATION OF THE DISPLAY.
11. **JUDGING:** Will take place on **Thursday, July 18, 2024**.
12. Scarecrows must stay in place during the duration of the Fair.
13. Scarecrows can be removed on **MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024**, between **8:00AM – 12:00 (NOON)**.

PLEASE NOTE: Props are encouraged for all scarecrow exhibits and will be considered during judging.

*** Stuffed animals and pillows may be used as the head of the scarecrow in the Junior, Junior Group and Youth classes. If used as the head in the adult class, the scarecrow will not be judged.

Scarecrows will be judged on the following criteria:

- Overall appearance/general effect (is it neat/clean?)	30 points
- Durability (how sturdy is the scarecrow?):	50 points
- Originality (is the idea original?):	60 points
- Creativeness (are props a part of the entry?):	60 points
Total:	200 points

***25 points will be deducted for leaning scarecrows*

ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGE(S) ARE FINAL

SECTION: 1 SCARECROWS

Entry Fee: \$6.00

Class #		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1	ADULT (Over 18) TRADITIONAL SCARECROW" Theme Must be 5 ft. tall or larger and should reflect the theme	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10.00
2	FAMILY Your entire family will create a scarecrow. Assembly on site is preferred. The finished scarecrow must be 5ft tall or larger. Limit one entry per family	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10.00
3	Junior (Ages 11-17) Finished Scarecrow must be 4 ft. tall or larger.	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10.00
4	Youth (Ages 10 & under) Finished Scarecrow must be 3ft. tall or larger.	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10.00
5	Junior Group (16 & under) Groups may be 4H/Girl & Boy Scouts, Church groups, Schools. Finished scarecrow must be 4ft tall or larger	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10.00
6	Individuals with Disabilities -No Entry Fee Each house may enter one scarecrow. Each participant will receive a ribbon. Scarecrows should be a minimum of 4ft. tall.	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10.00