

Tomato Contests 2023

Rules and Entry Form

- Participants should bring their tomatoes the day of the festival between 10 and 11 am on a white paper plate.
- When dropping off your tomato, please fill out the contact information sheet that will be handed to you.
- Write the name of owner on the bottom of plate.
- Write the category the tomato is entering on top of white plate (ie. Elementary – craziest).

Elementary Tomato categories (up to grade 6)

1. **Heaviest** - with no more than a one- inch stem that is still green attached
2. **Lightest RIPE tomato** – tomato cannot be 100% green. Tomato must be at least half ripe with color visible.
3. **Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.
4. **Most colorful group of 3-7 tomatoes**
5. **Craziest looking tomato**

Youth Tomato categories (grades 7-12)

1. **Heaviest** - with no more than a one- inch stem that is still green attached
2. **Lightest RIPE tomato** – tomato cannot be 100% green. Tomato must be at least half ripe with color visible.
3. **Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.
4. **Most colorful group of 3-7 tomatoes**
5. **Craziest looking tomato**

Adult (age 18+) Categories

1. **Heaviest** - with no more than a one- inch stem that is still green attached.
2. **Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.
3. **Basket of Plenty – Best Vegetable-and-Friends**
 - Basket, or other container, cannot exceed 20" in diameter (or 20" in width and length).
 - Arrangement must contain **at least 50%tomatoes** with the rest an optional mix of herbs, greenery, vegetables, and/or flowers from your garden.
 - Freshness matters. Plan a design that will have your basket contents looking their best.

4. Craziest looking tomato

5. **Tastiest Tomato** -10 points possible. The tastiest tomato should have a strong tomato taste, be slightly acidic, juicy and fresh tasting with a tender skin.

Town Departments (Fire, Police, Highway, Water, Public Health, Inspectional Services, Town Administrator's Office) Categories

1. **Heaviest** - with no more than a one-inch stem that is still green attached

2. **Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.

3. **Craziest looking tomato**

4. **Prettiest tomato**

5. **Tastiest Tomato** -10 points possible. The tastiest tomato should have a strong tomato taste, be slightly acidic juicy and fresh tasting with a tender skin.

A trophy will be awarded to the heaviest tomato across all categories (Elementary, Youth, Adult, and Town Departments).

Judges:

Elementary and Youth Divisions: Girl and Boy Scouts led by Sarah Ponikvar

Adult and Town Departments Divisions:

**Hannah Menzer (Alfalfa Farm)
Janet Wilkins (COA and home gardener)
Nora Neale (Agricultural Commission)
Henry Swenson
Janelle Pescatore**

**Jamie Belsito and family
Zillie Bhuju
Amy Gilvary and Noël Mumford (Creative Coop)
Talisa Rafferty**