

2018 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR



OPEN YOUTH BERRY CONTEST



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ENTRY DEADLINE: **September 11, 2017**, by 4pm with form & fees
to **Putnam County Ag Center**

MANDATORY MEETINGS: Sep 18, Nov 13, & Jan 30 at 6pm

FAIR ARRIVAL: Tuesday, **March 13, 2018**, from 1:00-6:30pm

JUDGING: Thursday, **March 15, 2018**, 9:00am to 12:00pm

SALE: Friday, March 23rd, 5-8pm, Silent Auction in Arena

REMOVAL: Sunday, **March 25, 2018**, 2-5 pm

ENTRY FEE: \$25 (includes cost of FOUR blueberry bushes +
strawberry plugs)

PROJECT SUMMARY: Due at time of Check-in (**Mar 13**, 1-6:30pm)
and will be disbursed with blueberry bushes

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries and fees must be turned in by 4pm to the Putnam County Agricultural Center on **September 11, 2017**. **A minimum of 6 youth will be necessary to justify the time and resources to hold this contest.**
2. **Eligibility:** Open to all Putnam & St. Johns County youth ages 8-18. Additionally, any club or chapter may enter group owned blueberry bushes. All entry forms must be signed and approved by parent/guardian, Vo-Ag teacher, or 4-H leader.
3. All exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will contribute to the best interest of the fairs Shows & Sale. This includes your conduct at school. Exhibitors are expected to dress in a manner that aligns with a school dress code as they will be representing the fair and themselves during this project. The Fair Authority reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor who has 3 or more referrals in the current school year, is conducting themselves in a disrespectful or unacceptable manner, or any exhibitor who has been arrested.

4. **Project Summaries are required** and must be turned in with blueberry bush entries at fair check-in. If project summaries are not complete and submitted on time, participants will not receive any awards or premium money. Project summaries must be turned in in the student's own handwriting and *no typing*.

5. **Only blue ribbon plants will be silent auctioned.** An exhibitor may choose to not auction blueberry bushes even if receiving a blue ribbon but that must be made clear at check-in. Details will be covered at the first mandatory meeting.

6. All exhibitors are required to attend **mandatory meetings**. Meetings will address care and maintenance of plants, repotting, and all necessary knowledge and skills to be successful in this project. Meetings are estimated to last 1-1.5 hours depending on activities at the meeting. Plants will be dispersed following the first mandatory meeting. Orders not picked up on the day of meeting shall be forfeited. There will also be an optional field trip to a local blueberry farm (likely in February).

7. **Exhibitors will exhibit two bushes of different varieties that will be considered one entry.**

AWARDS

Quality Award

- Blue Award: \$3.00 premium and ribbon
- Red Award: \$2.00 premium and ribbon
- White Award: \$1.00 premium and ribbon

Best of Class in Youth Division

(Best of each age division. Age is determined as of the opening day of the fair)

- Junior (Exhibitor Ages 8-10): \$10.00 premium
- Intermediate (Exhibitor Ages 11-13): \$10.00 premium
- Senior (Exhibitor Ages 14-18): \$10.00 premium

Best of Show

(Chosen from the Best of Division winners)

- \$25 premium and trophy