TITLE 4 CULTURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 3 STATE FAIR

PART 8 PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS - AGRICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE DIVISION

4.3.8.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico State Fair Commission.

4.3.8.2 SCOPE: Agriculture and floriculture exhibitors.

[4.3.8.2 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.2, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Subsection B of 16.6.4 NMSA 1978. [4.3.8.3 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.3, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.4 DURATION: Permanent.

[4.3.8.4 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.4, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: August 31, 1996, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section. [4.3.8.5 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.5, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective is to establish and provide guidelines for entering and exhibiting agricultural products and floriculture projects at the New Mexico state fair. [4.3.8.6 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.6, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.7 **DEFINITIONS:**

A. "Agricultural products" means food products raised in a farming environment.

B. "Commission" means the regulating body of the New Mexico state fair that shall prepare, adopt, publish and enforce all necessary rules for the management of the state fair.

C. "Floriculture" means the raising and cultivation of flowers.

D. "*New Mexico state fair premium book*" means the annual printed or internet-posted publication of the New Mexico state fair which contains rules that govern certain events and exhibits at the state fair. [4.3.8.7 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.7, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.8 AGRICULTURE:

A. All entries shall comply with the specific category requirements as set forth in the *New Mexico state fair premium book*.

B. All entries must have been grown or raised by the exhibitor in New Mexico within the last year. Exhibitors may be required to sign an affidavit stating compliance with this rule.

C. No more than one sample of any variety of farm products grown on the same farm shall be entered for premium. Junior exhibitors are exempt from this provision, provided their exhibits are entered in the junior division.

D. The outer surface of the skin of agriculture or garden products shall be natural. No coatings or artificial repairs shall be permitted.

E. Advertising or selling is prohibited.

F. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their own entries or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual. Any exhibit that has not been picked up by the designated pick-up time shall be considered abandoned and shall become property of the New Mexico state fair. [4.3.8.8 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.8, 11/30/2004]

4.3.8.9 FLORICULTURE:

A. All entries shall comply with the specific category requirements as set forth in the *New Mexico state fair premium book*.

B. Any resident New Mexico gardener or designer, adult or junior, other than commercial growers or designers may enter in any or all shows in divisions I, II, or IV. Entrants for the junior show, division III, will be limited to youths up through age 17.

C. Exhibitors shall state the number of their entries upon registration. Exhibitors shall complete an entry tag for each exhibit which states exhibitor's name, section and class or subclass, number of the entry.

D. Only one member of a household may enter any specific class, but two members may enter as a

team.

E. If any entry is eligible for competition in a specialty section (i.e. roses, dahlias, etc.), it shall be entered in the section.

F. An exhibit may be entered for competition in only one flower show at the fair.

G. Artificial plant material shall not be accepted for competition in any division.

H. All horticulture exhibits shall have been grown by the exhibitor. Container-grown plants shall have been within the exhibitor's possession at least ninety days prior to registration, except for multiple or combination plantings. Multiple or combination plantings shall have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks prior to registration.

I. All exhibits shall be fresh and free of insects, diseases or spray residues. Length of stem shall be in proportion to size of bloom as species permits. All exhibits shall comply with the size requirements as specified in the *New Mexico state fair premium book*. No wiring, oiling, spray or artificial coloring is permitted.

J. A stem shall have at least one bloom except in Subsections F and G of 4.3.8.9 NMAC where blooms may not be required or desired. Only foliage that is naturally attached to the stem shall be accepted.

K. Only container_grown entries may be reclaimed by the owner. Exhibits may not be removed from the show until after the show closes on its final day.

L. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their own exhibits or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual. Any exhibit that has not been picked up by the designated pick-up date shall be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the New Mexico state fair. [4.3.8.9 NMAC - Rp, 4 NMAC 3.8.9, 11/30/2004]

HISTORY OF 4.3.8 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the state records center and archives:

SF 67-1, Premium List, 1967, filed 6/27/67; SF 68-1, Premium List, 1968, filed 6/14/68; SF 69-1, Premium List, 1969, filed 6/18/69; SF 70-1, Premium List, 1970, filed 6/25/70; SF 71-1, Premium List, 1971, filed 7/02/71; SF 72-1, Premium List, 1967, filed 6/26/72; SF 73-1, Premium List, 1973, filed 6/18/73; SF 74-1, Premium List, 1974, filed 6/18/74; SF 75-1, Premium List, 1975, filed 6/16/75; SF 76-1, Premium List, 1976, filed 7/07/76; SF 77-1, Premium List, 1977, filed 6/14/77; SF 78-1, Premium List, 1978, filed 6/21/78; SF 79-1, Premium List, 1979, filed 7/27/79.

History of Repealed Material: Those applicable portions of SF 79-1, Premium List, 1979 (filed 7/27/79) and 4 NMAC 3.8, State Fair - Participant Requirements - Agriculture and Floriculture Division (filed 8/19/96) repealed effective 11/30/2004.

Other History: Those applicable portions of SF 79-1, Premium List, 1979 (filed 7/27/79) and 4 NMAC 3.8, State Fair - Participant Requirements - Agriculture and Floriculture Division (filed 8/19/96) replaced by 4.3.8 NMAC, effective 11/30/2004.