

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

Agriculture Feature Exhibits

State law (RCW 15.76.110(1)) defines an "Agricultural fair" as a fair or exhibition which is intended to promote agriculture and support rural economic development by including a balanced variety of exhibits of livestock and agricultural products, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural living.

In addition to other displays, county and area fairs are eligible to receive up to **200 evaluation points** and community fairs up to **100 evaluation points** from the assigned Fairs Commissioner for an "Agriculture Feature Exhibit."

To receive points, the following components need to be present:

Signage:

- You need directional signs so that fair attendees can locate the exhibit.
- You need signage within the exhibit explaining the various aspects of what is presented – make sure the font is large enough to easily read.
- There must be a sign that labels the exhibit as an "Agriculture Feature Exhibit" and that you locate the exhibit in a prominent area.

Economic Impact

- Use economic information related to the agricultural product being featured or displayed.
- You can feature one or more agricultural products. Although, we encourage you to exhibit agriculture products from your area, your exhibit can reflect Washington agriculture more generally.
- If recent economic data is not available, use the most recent economic information available and label it accordingly.

Education Information

- Use any other information that relates to the agricultural product(s) being displayed. It can also be a bi-product of the product(s), a demonstration, pamphlets, videos, photos, etc.
- If the exhibit is unattended (no person available to answer questions, etc.), make sure the exhibit is self-explanatory.
- In addition to educational, the exhibit should be aesthetically pleasing for the viewers.

When the exhibit is evaluated, it is on a merit basis from 1 – 200 points for county/area fairs and 1 – 100 points for community fairs.

For additional resources: agr.wa.gov/washington-agriculture/agricultural-fairs



