



The Wheat and other Crops.

The crops in this Territory, so far as reported, were never better than they are this season. The wheat crops were excellent and generally free from smut, as more care having been taken in preparing the seed for sowing, a majority of the farmers having become convinced that it is more profitable to raise good wheat than it is to produce the smutty crops that many have during the past few years.

The corn crops are good in this, and the valleys adjoining, and generally ripe or so far advanced that frost, should it occur, of which there is no prospect at present, would not do much injury.

The sugar cane is much better than last year, and some of it is ripe and being cut and manufactured into molasses. There has been large quantities produced, but not enough to supply the demand there will be for sweets, unless good care be taken of it, and the entire crop manufactured into sugar or molasses without waste.

The potatoe crop in this part of the Territory has been a failure, from the reports that have been made there will not be more than one fourth the usual amount produced in proportion to the amount of seed that was planted, the cause of which has not been satisfactorily explained.

General Directions for Preserving Fruit.

Great improvements have, of late, been made in the art of preserving fruits for family use, by the introduction of jars which can be hermetically sealed. The process of preserving is so simple that every housekeeper can accomplish it, the only secret of success being that the fruit should be put up and sealed while hot, the jar being filed to the brim.—The best jar for this purpose are those which are made entirely of glass. These will pay for themselves in a year or so, as fruit which is sealed, so as to exclude the air, may be preserved with one quarter the amount of sugar required in the old process, and retains its original flavor better.

The following directions for preserving in hermetically sealed jars, will be interesting to house-keepers at the present time:

Select only good fresh fruit or vegetables. Stale and fermented articles can never be preserved nor the decay already commenced arrested. Be particular and know to a certainty that your articles are fresh. No vegetables, except tomatoes, can be procured in the markets of large cities fresh enough for preserving.

BLACKBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES.—Use from a quarter to a half pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Sugar the strawberries and let them stand for half an hour, then put the syrup which will be formed by the juice and sugar into a preserving kettle, and boil as long as any scum arises, and then put in the strawberries and boil until they are thoroughly heated through.

Fill the jars after first warming them in some way, and close immediately while the contents are hot.

CHERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES.—Stew with or without sugar ten minutes, and seal up while boiling hot.

GOOSEBERRIES.—These can be kept by putting them into jars as they come from the bushes, and sealing them up. Wash and pick them when wanted.

CURRENTS.—Heat to boiling point with sugar, and seal up boiling hot.

PLUMS.—Make a syrup, using about half a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Boil the plums in this syrup until the fruit is tender; then fill the jars, and close up while hot.

PEACHES.—Pare and cut out the pits. Make a syrup, using from a quarter to half a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Boil the syrup five minutes; then put in the peaches and boil until they are thoroughly heated through; be sure that the fruit is well heated, and then fill the jars and close immediately.

APPLES.—Pare, quarter and boil until tender, but not long enough to break in pieces; then add as much sugar as will sweeten to the taste, and let the whole boil two or three minutes. While hot pour into jars and close up.

TOMATOES.—Take off the skin and boil them one hour, or cook them sufficiently for the table. Season to the taste; fill the jars and close up boiling hot. These being a very juicy article, require much longer boiling than most other things, to boil the water away.

If the above proportions of sugar make the fruit sweeter than is desirable, it can be kept with rather less, but green fruit requires more than ripe.

LIST OF PREMIUMS

TO BE AWARDED BY THE DESERET AGRICULTURAL AND MANUFACTURING SOCIETY, AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION, IN GREAT SALT LAKE CITY ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 3D, 4TH, AND 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1861.

The Sixth Annual Exhibition of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society will be held in Great Salt Lake City on the 3d, 4th and 5th of October, 1861:

All articles intended for competition must positively be brought to the Clerk of the Fair during October first and second, except vegetables, fruits and flowers which may be forthcoming on or before 8 a.m., October 3d.

The respective Committees will make their awards on the morning of October the 3d, and the public be admitted at noon.

None but members will be eligible to draw premiums.

The standard of premiums will in all cases be according to that best adapted to our climate and soil.

Each branch society has the privilege of appointing one member to each class of the Awarding Committees and report the appointment to the secretary of this association immediately.

Should there be any article exhibited not advertised to draw premiums the respective committees may, should they deem them worthy of a prize, recommend the same to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

Where articles are exhibited in any class below the premium standard no prize will be awarded.

Matured animals having taken the first class premium at any previous State Fair are not eligible for future competition.

No prize will be awarded to any manufactured article having drawn a premium at any previous State Exhibition, and no one article is eligible for two prizes.

The chairman or a delegate from each committee are respectfully requested to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at the Seventies Council Hall at 6 o'clock p.m., October 2d, 1861.

Articles which take premiums as the result of improved culture or individual discovery will receive the award only on condition of the process being represented to the Board if required.

A committee will be in attendance to receive stock at 8 a.m., October 4th, second day of the fair, premiums awarded at 12 noon.

CLASS A. --- FIELD CROPS.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--Reuben Miller, S. B. Kent, E. Sheets, Ira Eldridge.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class A (Field Crops). Includes items like 'Best fenced and cultivated farm, not less than 20 acres', 'Best five acres of Sugar Cane', 'Best one acre of Sugar Cane', 'Best twelve stalks of Sugar Cane', 'Best five acres of Wheat, for flour', 'Best five acres of Wheat, for quantity', 'Best five acres of Corn', 'Best five acres of Turnips', 'Best one acre of Turnips', 'Best five acres of Beets for saccharine', 'Best one acre of Beets, for saccharine', 'Best five acres of Beets for quantity', 'Best five acres of Carrots', 'Best one acre of Carrots', 'Best one acre of Beans', 'Best one acre of Peas', 'Best one acre of Flax', 'Best one hundred pounds of Flax', 'Best one acre of Hemp'.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class B (Vegetables). Includes items like 'Best one acre of Clover', 'Best one acre of Potatoes', 'Best one acre of Hungarian Grass', 'Best specimen of Lucerne Grass', 'Best specimen of Cultivated Tresspass Grass', 'Best one acre of Giant Rye', 'Best ten acres of Cotton', 'Best five acres of Cotton', 'Best one acre of Cotton', 'Best half acre of Cotton', 'Best five acres of Tobacco', 'Best one acre of Tobacco', 'Best ten pounds of Manufactured Tobacco', 'Best half acre of Madder', 'Best quarter acre of Indigo', 'Best one pound prepared Madder'.

CLASS B. --- VEGETABLES.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--G. B. Wallace, G. D. Watt, S. M. Moore.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class C (Fruit and Flowers). Includes items like 'Best fenced and cultivated Garden', 'Best one dozen Cucumbers', 'Best three Squashes', 'Best three Pumpkins', 'Best three Water Melons', 'Best three Canteloupes', 'Best Peck Tomatoes', 'Best three Cabbages (early)', 'Best three Cabbages (late)', 'Best three Cabbages (red)', 'Best three Cabbages (Savoy)', 'Best three Cauliflowers', 'Best three Broccoli', 'Best six stalks Celery', 'Best six Blood Beets', 'Best six Sugar Beets', 'Best twelve Carrots', 'Best twelve Parsnips', 'Best peck Silver Onions', 'Best peck Red Onions', 'Best peck Yellow Onions', 'Best peck Potatoes', 'Best peck Sweet Potatoes', 'Best quart Beans', 'Best quart Peas', 'Best doz stalks Rhubarb', 'Best six heads Lettuce', 'Best bunch Parsley', 'Best collection Radishes', 'Best collection Peppers', 'Best Egg Plant', 'Best Vegetable Marrow and Kaoni Rabbit', 'Best collection of Garden Seeds'.

CLASS C. --- FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--W. Woodruff, L. D. Young, T. W. Ellerbeck, S. L. Sprague.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class D (Cattle). Includes items like 'Best Bull presented', 'Best Bull under one year', 'Best Cow and Calf presented', 'Best two year old Heifer', 'Best one year old Heifer', 'Best Buck presented', 'Best two Ewes', 'Best Sow and Pigs', 'Best Beef', 'Best two year old Heifer', 'Best one year old Heifer', 'Best Buck presented', 'Best two Ewes', 'Best Sow and Pigs', 'Best Beef'.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class D (Cattle). Includes items like 'Best bed or hills of Strawberries', 'Best Raspberries', 'Best Strawberries', 'Best Gooseberries'.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Oliphant, Mrs. C. Rich.

FLOWERS.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class E (Farming Implements and Cooper Ware). Includes items like 'Best specimen Roses', 'Best collection China Asters', 'Best specimen Dahlias', 'Best collection Pinkas', 'Best collection Pot Flowers', 'Best collection Balsam', 'Best specimen Verbena', 'Best specimen Out Flower'.

MEDICINAL PLANTS AND HERBS.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class E (Farming Implements and Cooper Ware). Includes items like 'Best specimen Lobelia', 'Best specimen Barberry', 'Best specimen Raspberry', 'Best collection Medicinal Plants'.

CLASS D. --- CATTLE.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--H. S. Eldredge, Wm. Rydaldch, L. W. Hardy, Jos. Harker, Robert J. Golding.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class E (Farming Implements and Cooper Ware). Includes items like 'Best Bull presented', 'Best Bull under one year', 'Best Cow and Calf presented', 'Best two year old Heifer', 'Best one year old Heifer', 'Best Buck presented', 'Best two Ewes', 'Best Sow and Pigs', 'Best Beef'.

CLASS E. --- FARMING IMPLEMENTS AND COOPER WARE.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--S. Bringham, W. L. Brundage, William Carter.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class F (Machinery). Includes items like 'Best Plow', 'Best Scythe Snath', 'Best Subsoil Plow', 'Best Harrow', 'Best Field Roller', 'Best Drill and Irrigator', 'Best Corn Planter', 'Best Horse Corn Cultivator', 'Best Grain Cradle', 'Best Horse Rake', 'Best Garden Rake', 'Best Hay Rake', 'Best Hay Fork', 'Best Manure Fork'.

CLASS F. --- MACHINERY.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--N. Davis, Z. Derrick, Jonathan Pugnire, jr.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class G (Leather). Includes items like 'Best Steam Engine', 'Best Fire Engine', 'Best Garden Engine', 'Best Balance', 'Best Lath Machine', 'Best Stave Machine', 'Best Spinning Jenny'.

CLASS G. --- LEATHER.

AWARDING COMMITTEE--J. Robson, H. E. Bowring, G. W. Slade.

Table listing agricultural premiums for Class G (Leather). Includes items like 'Best Side Saddle Leather', 'Best Side Upper Cow Hide', 'Best Side of Leather', 'Best Black Grain', 'Best Kip Skin', 'Best Calf Skin', 'Best Side Harness', 'Best Bridle Leather', 'Best Side Skirting', 'Best Saddle', 'Best Light Harness', 'Best Heavy Harness', 'Best Bridle'.