



# 2021 Putnam County Agricultural Fair Open Youth Berry Contest



<b>Sponsored By:</b>	Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc.
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<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	<b>October 9, 2020</b> , by <b>5:00PM</b> with form & fees to <b>UF IFAS Putnam County Agriculture Center</b> 111 Yelvington Rd East Palatka, FL 32131
<b>Mandatory Meetings:</b>	Oct 26 & Jan 25 at 6PM Putnam Ag Center Auditorium <b>*Format of meetings may be altered due to federal, state, and county policies &amp; regulations.</b>
<b>Fair Arrival:</b>	Tuesday, <b>March 16, 2021</b> , from 2:00-6:00pm
<b>Judging:</b>	Thursday, <b>March 18, 2021</b>
<b>Sale:</b>	Friday, <b>March 26, 2021</b> 5-8pm, Silent Auction
<b>Removal:</b>	Sunday, <b>March 28, 2021</b> , 2-5 pm
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$20 (includes cost of 4 blueberry bushes 2 of each variety)
<b>Project Summary:</b>	Due at time of Check-in ( <b>March 16, 2-6PM</b> ). Project Summary will be disbursed with blueberry bushes at first Mandatory meeting October 26th

## Rules & Regulations

1. All entries and fees must be turned in by 5:00pm to the Putnam County Agricultural Center on **October 9, 2020**. **A minimum of 6 youth will be necessary to justify the time and resources to hold this contest.** Contest is open to a **maximum of 30 participants.**
2. **Eligibility:** Open to all Putnam County youth ages 8-18. Additionally, any club, chapter, or class may enter group owned blueberry bushes. All entry forms must be signed and approved by parent/guardian, Vo-Ag teacher, or 4-H leader. If space is available after October 1, 2020 project will open to youth ages 5-7 as well.

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. **White ribbon plants will not be allowed to be silent auctioned.** An exhibitor may choose to not auction blueberry bushes 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. Any conflicts with dates need to be addressed as soon as possible with project coordinators/ educational advisors. **\*Format of meetings may be altered due to federal, state, and county policies and regulations.**

7. Exhibitors will be issued four bushes two of each variety. **They will choose their best of each variety they are issued to be exhibited.**

8. Participants will be expected to purchase a 3-5 gallon pot per plant and growing medium unless donations can be found.

9. **We are not responsible for failure of plant(s).**

## **AWARDS**

### **Quality Awards:**

Blue Award: \$3.00 premium and ribbon

Red Award: \$2.00 premium and ribbon

White Award: \$1.00 premium and ribbon

**\*\*Cloverbud entries (ages 5-7) are for exhibit only.** They will not be considered for competition. However, special recognition will be given to cloverbud exhibitors and they may participate in the sale.

### **Best of Class (Youth Division)**

(Best of each age division. Age is as of September 1, 2020)

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 Best of Division winners)**

\$25 premium and trophy, plaque, or similar award