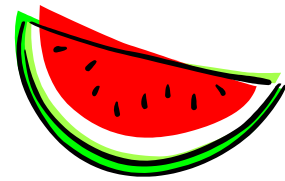


North Carolina Watermelon Festival



2015 RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE
NC WATERMELON FESTIVAL
BEST TASTIN' WATERMELON OF THE CAROLINAS' CONTEST
(Formerly the Quality/Sweetness Contest)

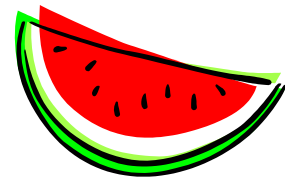
1. Watermelons will be accepted from any county in the State of North Carolina or the State of South Carolina.
2. Watermelon patches must be at least fifty feet from either side of the state line (North Carolina or South Carolina).
3. **All growers who intend to enter watermelons in the taste/sweetness contest are required to fill out a pre-registration form before July 16, 2015 and submit it to the address listed below prior to this date. No watermelons will be accepted at the festival without a pre-registration form submitted to the Chairman by this date.**
4. Growers must bring two watermelons of the same variety (one will be cut and the other potentially will be auctioned off at the NC Watermelon Festival Luncheon and Auction). Judges' will have the ultimate choice as to which watermelon of the two they will cut.
5. Only one entry per person is allowed in the sweetness and taste contest. There will be no more than 4 watermelons per farm. The fourth watermelon per farm will be auctioned off with the proceeds from that watermelon's auction being donated to Wounded Warriors.
6. **Pre-Registration Forms must be signed and completely filled out by the growers local extension agent in the county where the watermelon patch is located or by regional agronomist. Local Growers within the Fair Bluff/Cerro Gordo area may contact one of the certified Watermelon Contest CoChairmen Chandler Worley (910-207-1698) or Roger Strickland (919)630-3634 for their watermelon patch to be certified by a Director.**
7. Each grower must bring two (2) watermelons to Riverside Drive behind the Main Street stores on July 18, 2015 between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Watermelons delivered that has not been pre-registered with a form prior to July 16, 2015 will not be accepted. When watermelons are checked in, each grower will be assigned a number which will be placed on the growers' watermelon prior to the judging beginning on July 18, 2015. Growers' will receive their pre-registration number on July 18, 2015 at registration. Judging will begin approximately at 8:15 a.m. Watermelon Pre-Registration forms that are not signed by an Extension Agent or Chairmen of the Contest will not be accepted for entry.
8. To be fair to small children who personally grow their own watermelons in a garden or on a farm, the youth division will start at age 5 years old and will go up thru 18 years old.

Mail Form to:

Chandler Worley, Chairman, NC Watermelon Festival Watermelon Contests
11005 Swamp Fox Hwy. W., Cerro Gordo, NC 28430
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Anyone between these ages of 5-8 years old is asked to draw a picture about their watermelon patch. Anyone between the ages of 9-12 years old is asked to draw a picture and write a short story about their watermelon patch. Anyone between the ages of 13-18 years old is asked to write a short story about how they grew their watermelon. These stories will be used to help sell the youth's watermelon. **BRING STORIES WHEN YOU BRING YOUR WATERMELON ON JULY 18, 2015 AND GIVE TO CONTEST SECRETARY – LISA STRICKLAND.**

9. All growers are asked to submit a photograph of them in their watermelon patch to be used for publicity in 2015-2016. Mail photographs with your registration form.
10. Any grower at or older than 19 years old will be placed in the adult division.
11. Any grower wishing to enter a watermelon in the name of a child under the age of 4 years old will be required to enter that watermelon in the adult division.
12. There will be a winner chosen in the youth division and a winner chosen in the adult division. The overall winner of the "Best Tasting Watermelon of the Carolinas" who has the highest score overall (regardless of the division) will claim the title of the "Best Tasting Watermelon of the Carolinas".
13. **The grower and a guest is invited to the 2015 North Carolina Watermelon Festival Picnic Luncheon and Auction. Growers are asked to report to the Lumber River Visitors Center on Main Street by 12:15 p.m. to sign in and pick up their picnic lunch. Each grower will be given two free tickets to the luncheon on the morning of registration. Any grower who needs additional tickets – may enclose \$10.00 per person with their registration form to obtain additional tickets in advance.**
14. Growers will take their lunch to Riverside Drive and enjoy lunch underneath the tents on Riverside Drive with our dignitaries and invited guests. The auction will begin on or about 1 p.m. Growers will be recognized and the top ten watermelons in the youth and adult divisions will be auctioned off at this event.
15. Growers, in either the youth division or adult division, that place in the top ten for their category are asked to write a thank you note to the individual or business who purchased your watermelon. You should be able to obtain this information from auction assistants, Emily Worley or Sonya Strickland, at the North Carolina Watermelon Festival Luncheon and Auction.
16. If you have any questions, contact Chairman Chandler Worley at (910)207-1698.

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