

DEPARTMENT 13 – CONTESTS

Watermelon Eating Contest

Hall of Agriculture – North Walkway

Saturday, August 12 @ 2PM

*Entries will be received on **this day only** just inside Hall of Ag. North entrance on the right. You may enter up to 1:55 PM.*

4 Categories: Women; Men; Mixed & Children (8 – 14)

Prizes: 1st: \$20; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10 with ribbons.

Coordinator:

RULES

- The object of the contest is to be the fastest person to eat a wedge/slice of watermelon down to the rind.
- Hands free eating is required! Speed of eating is the major factor of the contest. Contestants must place their hands behind their backs while eating the watermelon.
- The winner will be the person who consumes the entire portion of watermelon in the shortest amount of time.

Completion of the eating of the watermelon slice to be decided by judge(s), not the contestant. Judge(s) will be on hand to assure adherence to the contest rules and to time constraints. Decisions of judges shall be final and irrevocable. In case of ties, a second heat shall be ordered.

1. Contestants must not touch/eat any watermelon until the starting signal is given.
2. All of the watermelon on a contestant's plate must be consumed and not regurgitated or spit up (this will result in ejection from the contest) prior to the completion of the contest.
3. If seed spitting is required then it shall be done in a straight-forward manner. Seeds discharged in any direction or onto other competitor's slice will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
4. Any complaint relative to size of melon slice must be lodged with judge prior to start of heat. Sponsors shall not be held responsible for the after effects of seeds swallowed by any contestant.

Contestants must be at least 8 years old and any contestant under the age of 14 must have parental permission/signature on the waiver and a parent on-site for the contest.

In case of inclement weather, this contest will be held in an alternate indoor location to be announced at that time.