

Judging criteria for a fruit and vegetable competition at the Narrogin Agricultural Show may include:

1. **Quality and Condition:** Judges will evaluate the overall quality and condition of the fruits and vegetables, considering factors such as freshness, ripeness, uniformity in size and shape, absence of blemishes or damage, and adherence to maturity standards.
2. **Size and Appearance:** The size and appearance of the produce will be assessed. Entries that exhibit optimal size for their variety, attractive coloration, firmness, and overall visual appeal .
3. **Flavour and Aroma:** For edible entries, judges will taste and assess the flavour, sweetness, texture, and aroma of the fruits and vegetables. Quality produce should have excellent taste characteristics, whether it's sweetness in fruits or freshness in vegetables.
4. **Variety and Range:** The variety and range of fruits and vegetables presented will be considered. Entries that showcase a diverse selection of different types, varieties, and colours .
5. **Uniformity and Consistency:** Judges will look for uniformity and consistency within each category of fruits or vegetables. This includes uniform size, shape, colour, and ripeness across multiple entries of the same variety.
6. **Cultural Practices:** The cultivation and care practices used to grow the produce will be evaluated. Entries that demonstrate good agricultural practices, such as proper fertilization, irrigation, pest control, and harvesting techniques.
7. **Presentation:** The presentation of the fruits and vegetables is important. Judges may consider factors such as cleanliness, arrangement in display baskets or trays, labelling (if applicable), and overall attractiveness of the display.
8. **Specialty and Unusual Varieties:** Entries that include specialty or unusual varieties of fruits and vegetables, heirloom varieties, or locally adapted cultivars may receive recognition for their uniqueness and contribution to biodiversity.
9. **Sustainability Practices:** If applicable, judges may consider the sustainability practices used in growing the produce, such as organic farming methods, water conservation, use of renewable resources, and efforts to minimize environmental impact.
10. **Overall Impression:** Judges will consider the overall impression of the fruit and vegetable display, taking into account all the above criteria to determine how well-rounded, diverse, and high-quality the entries are compared to others.

These criteria aim to promote excellence in fruit and vegetable production, encourage participants to showcase a wide range of produce, and recognize the efforts of growers in cultivating healthy, flavourful, and visually appealing fruits and vegetables.