

## FOOD PRESERVATION EVALUATION – Judging Canned Fruits

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Product/Class \_\_\_\_\_

County/District \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon: Purple Blue Red White Disqualified

**JARS THAT ARE UNDERPROCESSED, UNSEALED, VISIBLY SPOILED, OR CONTAIN ALCOHOL WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

Points to Consider	Desirable	Undesirable	Comments
<b>Food Safety:</b> Processing Method Processing Date Altitude Adjustment	Pressure or Water Bath Within last 12 months Processing adjusted for altitude Altitude listed	Not processed correctly More than 12 months No processing adjustment Altitude not listed	
<b>Jars/Lids</b>	Standard clear jar Standard 2- piece lid/ring Ring still on Clean/Neat Label on jar	“Commercial” jar “Commercial” lid Ring removed, rusty Dirty/distracting decor No label	
<b>Headspace</b>	Fruits - ½ inch Juice and puree – ¼ inch Pie Filling – 1 inch	Too much or too little	
<b>Pack</b> Hot pack is best but raw pack can be used for some fruits	Liquid covers fruit Good proportion fruit to liquid No floating fruit  No foam or bubbles	Not enough liquid Too tight or too loose Fruit floating - Used raw pack; too heavy syrup; loose pack; overripe fruit Foam or moving bubbles	
<b>Size or Shape</b>	Uniform pieces, clean edges	Irregular shapes, Rough edges	
<b>Texture</b>	Fruit well-ripened Free of mushiness Pureed fruit flows freely	Overripe Mushy, rough edges Pureed fruit too thick	
<b>Liquid</b>	Clear, bright Free of sediment, cloudiness No foreign matter  No bubbles	Cloudy Overripe fruit Foreign matter (stems, leaves, pits, seeds, etc.) Bubbles	
<b>Color</b>	Natural for fruit  Free of bruises, spots, mold, discoloration	Artificial color added; underripe fruit Dark spots Too little liquid, fruit discolors Overprocessed	
<b>Recipe Source and Date</b>	Reliable recipe source Must be on recipe Date recipe published listed	Unreliable recipe source Not on recipe Date not listed	

**State Fair Rules violated: See # 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**

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