

FOODS



Illinois Extension
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

PRESERVATION: DRIED FOODS

Name _____

County _____ Club _____

JUDGES: Please identify a numerical score on a scale of 1-10 for each element on the sheet. **1= needs improvement, 10= exceeds criteria.** At the county level, an alternative scoring method can be used: Needs Improvement “-“, Meets Expectations “X”, and Exceeds Expectations “+”.

Judging Criteria

Project Knowledge	Score
General knowledge of project area	
Appropriate processing method	
Appropriate preservation method used	

Labels and Recipes	Score
Labels include product name, date, processing method	
Recipes included from reputable source	

Food Product: Fruits & Fruit Leather (score section only if applicable)	Score
Appearance: uniform thickness or size	
Appearance: clear, not dark or dull in color	
Dryness & texture: pliable, tough, leathery	
Dryness & texture: dry, not moist in center	
Moisture-proof package, free of foreign matter	
Useable size	

Food Product: Meats/Jerky (score section only if applicable)	Score
Appearance: appropriate color; fairly uniform thickness	
Dryness & texture: pliable, tough, leathery	
Dryness & texture: fibrous, forms points when broken	
Odor: pleasant odor/no off odors present	
Moisture-proof package, free of foreign matter	
Useable size	

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Food Product: Vegetables/Herbs (score section only if applicable)	Score
Appearance: uniform thickness or size; appropriate color	
Dryness & texture: brittle	
Dryness & texture: dry, not moist in center	
Moisture-proof package, free of foreign matter	
Useable size	
Food pretreated by blanching	

Explanation of Project Exhibit	Score
Ability to explain goal of project exhibit	
Ability to explain decisions made or results shown	
Self-evaluation of project, including time spent on project area	
Skills learned and plans for continued study	

Exhibit Presentation	Scores
Neat appearance	
Follows exhibit requirements	

TOTAL SCORE (Points possible: 230 for combination of items from more than one food product category; 170 for two different items from same category). For determining top scores, divide the points earned by points possible for the combination of items displayed (and compare the resulting numbers): _____

AWARD RECEIVED (if applicable): _____

COMMENTS: