

# FOODS



**Illinois Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## PRESERVATION: JAMS, JELLIES AND PRESERVES

Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

*JUDGES: Please identify a numerical score on a scale of 1-10 for each element on the sheet.*

<b>Judging Criteria</b>	<b>SCORE</b> 1= needs improvement 10= exceeds criteria
<b>Project Knowledge</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General knowledge of project area</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate processing method</li> </ul>	
<b>Food Product</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce: uniform color, appropriate for ripened fruit</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jelly: clear, free from sediment, cloudiness or crystals</li> <li>○ Jam: translucent and free from separation into layers, sediment, cloudiness or crystals</li> <li>○ Conserves/marmalade/preserves: free from mushy broken apart fruit tissue, sediment, cloudiness or crystals; syrup or juice is clear and bright and surrounds all fruit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pack: appropriate headspace ¼ inch</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pack: no air bubbles, foam, foreign matter</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container: standard canning jar</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container: clean, suitable for product</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container: standard 2-piece canning lid</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container: jar seal</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistency:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jelly: firm, holds shape</li> <li>○ Jam: smooth, thick, uniform throughout</li> <li>○ Conserves/marmalade/preserves: fruit pieces hold shape and are uniform in size</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Label includes product name, date, processing method</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipe included from reputable source</li> </ul>	
<b>Explanation of Project Exhibit</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to explain goal of project exhibit</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to explain decisions made or results shown</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-evaluation of project, including time spent on project area</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills learned and plans for continued study</li> </ul>	

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<b>Exhibit Presentation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neat appearance</li> <li>• Follows exhibit requirements</li> </ul>	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> <i>(Points possible: 190)</i>	
<b>COMMENTS</b>	
<b>AWARD RECEIVED</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	