

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.

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

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Exhibit Presentation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neat appearance • Follows exhibit requirements 	
TOTAL SCORE <i>(Points possible: 200)</i>	
COMMENTS	
AWARD RECEIVED <i>(if applicable)</i>	