

# 4-H State Potato Grading Competition

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**HARRISBURG** - The 2020 4-H Potato Grading and Identification Contest was held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show on January 7 with a record number of contestants. One hundred and thirty-nine 4-H members comprising of 33 teams participated in this exciting contest. Registration numbers increased by 40% from last year and included 5 new counties. 4-H youth from Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Indiana, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montgomery, Northampton, Union and York Counties all tested their knowledge of spuds.

The contest is comprised of two divisions: basic and honors. Those who compete in the honors division are winners from previous years. The competitors in the basic division must test their skills at three stations. The first station is a "potato grading" station. The station is a timed event where competitors challenge to see who can grade 100 potatoes in the shortest time. Not only is quickness important, but so is accuracy. The second station is a "defect station" where competitors must accurately identify 20 different defects on 40 potatoes. The third station is a "plate" grading station. Five potatoes are put on each of four plates. Each plate must be evaluated on uniformity of size and shape and lack of defects. The plates must then be ranked in order. Two classes of plates must be judged.

Those in honors must complete three stations in addition to the basic stations. The fourth station is comprised of two more plate classes. The fifth station is estimating the weights of two large potatoes. At the sixth station the contestants must pick a Premium Pack. This means that out of 30 potatoes, the ten most uniform and defect-free potatoes must be chosen.

This contest teaches and enhances life skills such as decision making, defending your answer, quickness, and observation. These skills are used for judging potatoes and are also used for judging livestock and other items in 4-H. Enhancing the use of these skills helps prepare 4-H members for future careers and activities.

The first place "A" team was from Carbon County with team members Ethan Glawe, Megan Aaron, Katie Aaron, and Alyssa Myers. The Montgomery County "A" team placed second with team members Sarah McCarthy, Annabelle Martindell, Samantha Freed, and Jonathan McCarthy.

The first and second place "B" teams were from Lehigh County. First place team members included: Konnor Weisner, Sadie Berger, John Emanuel and Trevor Bowman. Second place team members included: Allison Emanuel, Haley Dietrich, and Kaytlin Dietrich.

The top 3 individual awards were presented to the following, all from Lehigh County, respectively: Konnor Weisner, Sadie Berger, John Emanuel.

In the honors division, Sarenity Burkit placed first, Daniel Eyre placed second, and Rorie Anderson placed third out of ten contestants, all from Northampton County.

The Cloverbuds included Adam Geiger and Eli Geiger of Northampton County, Vincent Gambone of Montgomery County, Alex Weisner of Lehigh County, Millie Ruszkowski of Bucks County, and the following from York County: Madison Clauser, Emma Witt, Lila Mummert, Ruby Delp, Rose Delp.

All counties in Pennsylvania are encouraged to form a potato judging team for next year! Training materials are available, and groups are welcome to come for a trial run if they wish! Horticulture Educators, Master Gardeners, local gardeners, and potato producers are all good resources for volunteer leaders! Contact Kelly Weisner at [kmb26@psu.edu](mailto:kmb26@psu.edu) if you would like more information. Even if the 4-H members only learn a little bit about potatoes, they are developing important life skills and having a great time!



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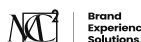
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 e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net  
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**703 South Delaware Drive**

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 610-588-7056

The Rev. Larry Laine  
 Worship at 9 AM  
 Sunday School 10 AM

**Clearfield Bible Holiness Church**  
**1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap**

Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &  
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 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/  
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 (610) 588-3966,  
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

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**The East Bangor United Methodist**  
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Thurs., Jan. 30 -6:30 p.m. Choir  
 Rehearsal Sat., Feb. 1 -8:00 p.m. AA  
 Meeting Sun., Feb. 2 -8:30 a.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship  
 Service w/Communion & Children's  
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 Tue., Feb. 4 -7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
 Pastor Dave Goss  
 (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message  
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**Faith Alive Community Church**  
**10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap**

Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd  
 Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer,  
 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm  
 Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am  
 Family Fellowship, 9:30am Interces-  
 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am  
 Children's Church, Communion at  
 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew  
 Whistler. (610) 863-6911,  
 www.faccpa.org

**Family Life Community Church**  
**1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor**

Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-  
 8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen  
 Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr.  
 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service.  
 Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736,  
 www.flccbangor.com.

**First United Evangelical**  
**25 S 2nd St., Bangor**

Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible  
 Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting,  
 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Wor-  
 ship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at  
 (610) 588-3226

**First United Methodist Church**  
**55 N. Third St., Bangor**

Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult  
 and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am,  
 Communion first Sunday of month,  
 Wednesday evening Bible Study  
 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy  
 (610) 588-4673.

**First United Methodist**  
**19 West & Water St., Wind Gap**

Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Commu-  
 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of  
 each month. Pastor John Vidal  
 (570) 426-0645

**Flicksville United Church of Christ**

1337 Lower South Main Street  
 Bangor, PA 18013  
 Pastor Ken Hess  
 610-588-4648  
 www.flicksvilleucc.com  
 Sunday School at 9:30 AM  
 Worship at 10:45 AM  
 All are welcome!

**God's Missionary Church**  
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**Northampton, PA**

Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm,  
 Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer  
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**Good Shepherd Evangelical**  
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 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult  
 Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor  
 Louise Williams.  
 www.goodshepherdmc.com

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth**

Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am  
 Service/Communion, 10:15am SS,  
 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum.  
 (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

**Grace United Methodist**

**404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am  
 Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy  
 Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipat-  
 grace.org

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**1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg**

Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM;  
 Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-  
 4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

**Hopesprings Community of Faith**  
**301 Market Street, Bangor**

Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Alman-  
 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.  
 www.hopespringscommunity.org.

**Hope UCC****2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap**

Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion  
 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-  
 come! SS 9:30 Sunday Morning.  
 Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

**Living Waters Christian Church**  
**396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna**

Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am  
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 Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays  
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 Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM  
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 Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

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Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm.  
 Sunday School starts at 8:30am (Sep-  
 tember-May )  
 Sunday Service- 9:45am  
 Holy Communion is served weekly. All  
 are welcome!

**Richmond United Methodist Church**  
**8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor**

Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship  
 Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale.  
 (610) 588-7317

**Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist**  
**1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**

Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &  
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 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis.  
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Delete Sunday school  
 Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.  
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 310 Madison Avenue  
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 Phone: 610-746-3910  
 Fax: 610-746-4515

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 610-863-4777

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 Communion. (610) 863-4332

**St. Joseph's Episcopal**  
**1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor**

Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve  
 Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee  
 hour after service.

**St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast**  
**471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)**

SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Cecelia  
 Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter.  
 610-759-0244.  
 www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

**St. Mary's Episcopal**  
**340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap**

Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows  
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 Maundy Thursday Service will be held  
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 Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Ser-  
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 570-223-7062.

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632 S Delaware Dr.  
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 Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and  
 Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney  
 Wells pastor

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**404 Broadway, Bangor**

Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir  
 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/  
 Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610)  
 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
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