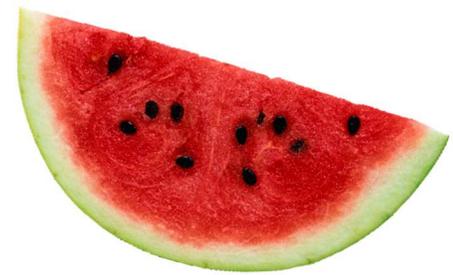


# Watermelon Festival Contests Rules



## Largest Weighing Watermelon from Franklin County (category will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners):

1. A contestant shall only enter one watermelon.
2. Person must be a resident of Franklin County.
3. Commercial growers are not eligible for this contest.
4. The watermelon must have been grown and tended to by the contestant.
5. Watermelon must be clean and in good condition.
6. Watermelon must be free of rot, holes, cracks, dirt, chemical residues, and significant soft spots.
7. The heaviest watermelon must be weighed without the use of straps, slings, or other transportation devices.
8. In the event of a tie, the judges will determine the watermelon of best quality to be the winner.
9. The decision of the judges is final.

## Largest Weighing Watermelon Outside of Franklin County (category will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners):

1. A contestant shall only enter one watermelon.
2. Person must NOT be a resident of Franklin County.
3. Commercial growers are not eligible for this contest.
4. The watermelon must have been grown and tended to by the contestant.
5. Watermelon must be clean and in good condition.
6. Watermelon must be free of rot, holes, cracks, dirt, chemical residues, and significant soft spots.
7. The heaviest watermelon must be weighed without the use of straps, slings, or other transportation devices.
8. In the event of a tie, the judges will determine the watermelon of best quality to be the winner.
9. The decision of the judges is final.

Most Unusual (category will have ONE winner):

1. A contestant shall only enter one watermelon.
2. Commercial growers are not eligible for this contest.
3. The watermelon must have been grown and tended to by the contestant.
4. Watermelon must be clean and in good condition.
5. Watermelon must be free of rot, holes, cracks, dirt, chemical residues, and significant soft spots.
6. In the event of a tie, the judges will determine the watermelon of best quality to be the winner.
7. The decision of the judges is final.

Seed Spitting (category will have TOP THREE Adult and TOP THREE Child winners):

Adult (18 years and up): each contestant will receive three opportunities. The farthest distance will be the score of that contestant. The longest distance will be the winner of the age category.

Child (under 18 years): each contestant will receive three opportunities to spit seed. The farthest distance will be the score of that contestant. The longest distance will be the winner of the age category.

Best Tasting (category will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners):

1. A contestant shall only enter one watermelon.
2. Commercial growers are not eligible for this contest.
3. The watermelon must have been grown and tended to by the contestant.
4. Watermelon must be clean and in good condition.
5. Watermelon must be free of rot, holes, cracks, dirt, chemical residues, and significant soft spots.
6. In the event of a tie, the judges will determine the watermelon of best quality to be the winner.
7. The decision of the judges is final.

Best Dressed (category will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners):

1. A contestant shall only enter one watermelon.
2. Watermelon must be good condition.
3. The entry should exhibit a creative take on being “best dressed”.
4. No inappropriate imagery or foul language allowed on the dressing of watermelons. Failure to follow these rules will result in automatic disqualification.
5. In the event of a tie, the judges will determine the watermelon of best quality to be the winner.
6. The decision of the judges is final.