

**Dept. 21A Sunflower Contest**  
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September 2-7, 2026 [columbiafair.com](http://columbiafair.com) 518-444-3247

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.50

**ENTRIES** due in the 4-Corners building, SUNDAY (before the fair opens) 1:00PM

**JUDGING** SUNDAY 1:00PM

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All Entries must go through Showworks to be entered and paid
2. **Three** Divisions. **Two** CLASSES: Youth 12 and under. Adult 13 and older.
3. Sunflowers must be home grown.
4. Limit of **one plant entry, per person, per class**
5. Sunflower entries must be brought to the Columbia County Fair, (4Corners building)
6. Judging will end no later than 1:30.
7. Winners will be announced at the end of judging.

#### **1. Tallest Sunflower PLANT**

Leaves are not necessary, **please REMOVE**. The tallest (SINGLE HEAD) plant will be measured from the bottom of the stalk (soil line) if roots show, to the bottom center of the seed head. Cut the plant from the base of the stalk. Only the stalk including Full seed head, if head is disconnected, **it's a disqualification. (2025)World Record 35'9"**

#### **2. Largest Sunflower HEAD**

Heads should be cut from stalks. The measurement will be taken across the sunflower head containing a **FULL** (at least 95%) of seeds. The judges will determine if the sunflower head qualifies, if seeds are missing.

**World Record 32 1/4"**

#### **3. MOST Sunflowers on ONE Stalk**

Only open/partial open flowers (half or more) count!

**World Record 837 flowers**

#### **Division 1: TALLEST Sunflower**

##### **Class A: Adult**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00+rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00+ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00+ribbon

##### **Class B: Youth**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00+rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00+ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00+ribbon

#### **Division 2: Largest HEAD**

##### **Class A: Adult**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00+rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00+ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00+ribbon

##### **Class B: Youth**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00+rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00+ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00+ribbon

#### **Division 3: MOST sunflowers**

##### **Class A: Adult**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00+rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00+ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00+ribbon

##### **Class B: Youth**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00+rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00+ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00+ribbon

**NOTICE:** The Fair reserves the right to remove any article, which it feels to be in poor taste and offensive to the public and will not be responsible for any damages to items. Entries may be picked up Monday after 9PM.