



**MFP – training info Judging Preserved Foods at County Fairs
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Why did the County Fair Judge choose Linda's strawberry jam instead of yours?

Do you want to learn how county fair judges evaluate your preserved food so you can improve the quality of your fair entries? Do you want to be a county fair judge for preserved foods?

Come to an all day workshop/lab and learn the guidelines for preserved food judging at fairs and other competitive events, including the rules used at our California State Fair.

Think you got it figured out after learning the rules? Try your hand at judging samples of preserved foods with our instructors nearby to guide you and answer your questions. Class size limited to 20.

Prerequisite: all attendees must have a basic knowledge of preserving and understand the principals of preserving high acid and low acid foods.

The workshop/labs are offered twice, on Thursday, January 30, 2014 and Saturday, February 1, 2014, 9am-4pm at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Marshall Building, 100 Placerville Drive, in Placerville.

The fee is \$50, and there are no refunds. Lunch is included, with a choice of a turkey or vegetarian sandwich.

Register online at <http://ucanr.edu/edcmfpjudgingclass> or call 530-621-5528 by January 26, 2014.

While MFP public classes have ended for the season in El Dorado County, monthly classes continue in Amador and Calaveras counties. Check out their schedule at <http://ucanr.edu/mfpcs>. El Dorado County MFP free public classes will resume at the end of June – and be sure to visit us at the El Dorado County Fair in mid-June, as well!

If you are interested in becoming a Master Food Preserver yourself and educating others about safe home food preservation, please complete the online interest form at http://ucanr.edu/be_mfp. El Dorado County MFP training classes begin in March and end in May.

Master Food Preservers are available to answer home food preservation questions; leave a message at (530) 621-5506. For more information about the public education classes and activities, go to the Master Food Preserver website at http://ceeldorado.ucdavis.edu/Master_Food_Preservers/. Sign up to receive our Master Food Preservers E-Newsletter at <http://ucanr.org/mfpnews/>. Find us on facebook too!