

Farm to Table Fall Festival Scarecrow Contest

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

Important Dates and Information:
To participate in the 2026 Scarecrow Contest at the Farm to Table Fall Festival Event, you must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 11th, 2026**

All scarecrow entries must be installed in designated spots at Holt Park on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 (9 a.m.- 10 a.m**.)When participants arrive at Holt Park to install scarecrows, they should proceed to the registration table to sign in and receive a site number.

All scarecrow entries must be removed by participants following the conclusion of the Farm to Table Fall Festival Event on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)** Any entries that remain will be removed and disposed of by festival staff.

General Rules for Entry in the Scarecrow Contest:

1. Individuals or groups may enter a scarecrow in the Scarecrow Competition. Examples of group participants may include youth groups, adult groups, civic organizations, community groups, school groups, church groups, businesses, or families.

2. The contest is limited to one entry per person or group. There is no entry fee, but registration is required.

3. Scarecrows should be created using recycled materials wherever possible. Hazardous items, including sharp objects, tiki torches, candles, gas-powered generators, or other flammable objects, are prohibited.

4. Scarecrows must be designed to stand or sit on their own props, which participants must provide. The festival staff will not offer any other props. Alternatives to staking might include but are not limited to, creating a sturdy base/foundation to secure posts, using a brace or frame, using weights, and/or sitting the scarecrow on a prop such as a chair, bale of hay, etc.

5. Entries must be no taller than 6’ 6” and must fit into a space no larger than 25 square feet (5’ x 5’). Participants must place and fit their scarecrow and all related props/materials in the assigned site.

6. When designing a scarecrow, please keep in mind that NO vehicles are permitted in the park, and scarecrow components must be transported to their designated exhibit site via carts, wagons, and/or dollies.

7. When designing a scarecrow, please remember that the Scarecrow competition and The Farm to Table Fall Festival event are for all ages. Scarecrows may be funny, scary, or quirky, but they must also be in good taste. Excessively violent themes, offensive, crude, or derogatory components are not permitted. Scarecrows that reflect controversial, political, or religious themes are not permitted. At its sole discretion, Farm to Table Fall Festival Staff reserves the right to reject or remove any entry that fails to meet these standards.

8. All entries should be labeled with a sign no larger than 11" x 17". Scarecrow names are subject to the prior review and/or approval of Farm to Table Fall Festival staff. They may not contain any political or religious statements or connotations nor any offensive, crude, discriminatory, or derogatory terms or expressions. Businesses and organizations may incorporate a company name; however, no handouts, promotional materials, advertisements, or giveaways may be associated with any entry.

9. The City of Creswell and Farm to Table Fall Festival Staff is not responsible for any damage to or loss associated with scarecrows or any decorative items or ancillary components that may be installed at a scarecrow site.

10. All scarecrows in the contest will be judged based on popular votes made by visitors to Holt Park during the Farm to Table Fall Festival .

11. The voting period for Farm to Table Fall Festival will be from 10 a.m. on September 19, 2026, through 2 p.m. All judging is final. Based on the number of votes cast during the voting period, winners will be announced for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

12. Names of winners and participants and images from the contest may be posted on the City of Creswell's website or used in publicity or promotional materials for the Farm to Table Fall Festival. By participating, entrants release and waive any rights to or interest in any images, recordings (video, audio, or both), or likenesses that may be obtained in connection with the Farm to Table Fall Festival right to use any photos, recordings, or likenesses related to or including participant's scarecrow entry at Farm to Table Fall Festival that may be made, without compensation to the participant, whether one or more.