



2023 Alabama Cotton Sewing Contest- Commodity Themed Lap Blanket (Pockets Optional) (2 Divisions)

WHO MAY ENTER

1. To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must be an Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA Farmers) member. First place winners from the previous year's sewing contest are not eligible to compete in the immediate year following his/her win.
2. County winners may be determined by means of a county contest conducted and approved by that county.
3. The families of employees of the Alabama Farmers Federation and/or the Alfa Companies will not be eligible for this contest.
4. **There will be two divisions: 7th-12th Grade Division and Adult Division.**

HOW TO ENTER

The state event at the Alabama Farm and Land Expo will be open to individuals who are selected from the county contest as the first-place winner.

1. The individual who constructs the Lap Blanket is the contestant and must be present at the State Awards Luncheon.
2. The enclosed entry form may be used for submitting entries to the county and State contests.
3. Each item will need an individual entry form.

COMMODITY THEMED LAP BLANKET

1. Lap blankets should be made from a cotton or cotton blend fabric.
2. Lap blankets should be 36" wide and 48" long.
3. Pockets on Lap Blankets are optional.
4. Lap blankets will be judged on overall construction and appearance.
5. Lap blankets should **spotlight** one of the following Commodities: **Bee and Honey; Beef; Catfish; Cotton; Dairy; Forestry; Greenhouse, Nursery and Sod; Hay and Forage Crops; Horticulture; Meat Goat and Sheep; Peanuts; Pork; Poultry; Soybeans; Wheat and Feed Grains; Wildlife and Equine.**

TIMETABLE

1. Entries in the State Cotton Sewing Contest must be received from the county winners no later than **JUNE 10, 2023**. Any forms received after this date will have 10 points deducted from the total score.
2. Entry forms should be mailed to:

Kim Earwood
Alabama Farmers Federation
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

STATE CONTEST, AWARD AND JUDGING

1. The State Contest will be held at the ALFA Farmers Farm and Land Expo in August.
2. The winners will receive the following cash awards:

Table Runners	First Place	\$150
	Second Place	\$100
	Third Place	\$75

Lap Blanket Scoring Guide

Construction

60 points

- Lap blankets should meet measurement guidelines
- Fabric cut on grain
- Even straight seams
- Proper finishes for fabrics

Appearance

40 points

- Stitching, trims and notions
- All notions and trims matched well
- Appropriateness of any embellishments and decorations

2023 ENTRY FORM

Lap Blanket



Attach any fabric swatches ⇒

Fiber Content _____

(Please Check)

7th through 12th Grade Division _____ Adult Division _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE () _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (zip) _____
Email _____

COUNTY _____

PATTERN BRAND AND NUMBER (if applicable) _____

Describe Lap Blanket.

Return by June 10, 2023 to:

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