



## **2024 Alabama Cotton Sewing Contest- Commodity Themed Table Runner (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: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division and Adult Division.**

### **HOW TO ENTER**

The state event will be open to individuals who are selected from the county contest as the first-place winner.

1. The individual who constructs the table runner is the contestant and must be present at the state contest.
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.

### **TABLE RUNNERS**

1. Table Runners 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.**
2. Table Runners should be made from a cotton or cotton blend fabric.
3. Table Runners for both divisions should be no wider than 24 inches and no longer than 92 inches.
4. Table Runners can be embellished with embroidery, cross stitching, crocheting, fringe, ruffles, ribbon, etc. which **do not** have to be made from cotton.
5. Table Runners will be judged on overall construction and appearance.

### **TIMETABLE**

1. Entries in the State Cotton Sewing Contest must be received from the county winners no later than **JUNE 10, 2024**. 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 Commodity Conference in August.
2. The winners will receive the following cash awards:

<b>Table Runners</b>	First Place	\$150
	Second Place	\$100
	Third Place	\$75

### **Table Runner Scoring Guide**

#### **Construction**

**60 points**

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

#### **Appearance**

**40 points**

- Decorative stitching, trims and notions
- All notions and trims matched well
- Appropriateness of embellishments and decorations

# 2024 ENTRY FORM

## Table Runner Contest



Attach any fabric swatches ⇒

Fiber Content \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Check)

7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Division \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (street) \_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PATTERN BRAND AND NUMBER (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

*Describe Table Runner.*

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**Return by June 10, 2024 to:**

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