

2012 Minnesota Garlic Festival  
**Garlic Growing Contest**  
**“The Big, the Small and the Ugly”**

COMPETITION RULES

Contest categories:

Largest garlic in each of ten groups: Artichoke, Asiatic, Creole (Ajo Rojo will be in this group), Glazed Purple Stripe, Marbled Purple Stripe, Porcelain, Purple Stripe, Rocambole, Silverskin, Turban

One winner for smallest head (any variety)

One winner for ugliest head (any variety)

Entrants may enter in all 12 categories.

There will also be one winner for “Best in Show” selected from garlic entered in all categories

*There is no category for elephant garlic. “The garlic character is weak and muddled...” Ted Meredith*

Size will be determined by weight. In the case of a tie, diameter will be the determining factor.

“Ugliness” and “Best in Show” will be determined by the aesthetic sensibilities of the judge(s).

Contest is open to all garlic grown in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Garlic must have no visible signs of disease.

Heads must be fully formed with discernable cloves.

Roots must be trimmed to no more than 1/4 inch.

Pseudostems/scapes must be trimmed to between 1 and 2 inches.

*There is no category for elephant garlic. “Elephant garlic is like E=MC.” A. Einstein*

**Procedure:**

Entrants must fill out one entry form for all garlic entered and one tag for each head entered.

Tags and entry form can be downloaded, filled in, and emailed as attachments to: [mngarliccontest2012@hotmail.com](mailto:mngarliccontest2012@hotmail.com). If you do not receive a return “got your entry” email within 48 hours, please resend. Email information will be accepted till midnight, August 4, 2012.

Completed entry form and tags can also be brought to the garlic competition site on the morning of the Festival.

Blank forms and tags will be available at the garlic competition site.

Garlic must be brought to the garlic contest site at the Garlic Festival between 10 and 11 a.m. August 11, 2012.

Judging will take place between 11 am and noon, with garlic on display till the winners are announced and prizes distributed at the Main Stage.

Garlic heads can be picked up between 5:30-6:00 p.m. August 11, 2012.

*There is no category for elephant garlic. “...elephant garlic is a bit like the taste of light beer.” U of California factsheet*