

## DEPARTMENT – BUILDING EXHIBITS

### SECTION - 4-H/FFA HORTICULTURE

**(Must be enrolled in the Plant Science Project)**

#### VEGETABLE SPECIAL RULES

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. To properly identify your exhibit, attach string to the entry card and tape or tie the string to the plate or exhibit.
3. Exhibits must be products from member's project work.
4. Vegetables are to be exhibited on stiff paper plates/bowls or shallow boxes.
5. A member may enter any number of exhibits in the vegetable specimen classes; however, each exhibit must be of a different vegetable. I.e. Only one entry may be made for cherry tomatoes, etc. (*Note: State Fair limit is a total of 4 vegetables, fruit and/or herb exhibits.*)

#### CLASSES - 2500: Garden Display

Limited to one garden display of not more than four square feet of space. The display must be exhibited in a tray, basket or container that can be easily moved. Exhibit consists of five different fresh vegetables or fruits. Canned products and shelled vegetables are not acceptable. Only one variety of each type of vegetable may be exhibited. Of the five vegetables in the display, the number shall be limited as follows:

*Large Vegetables* – (one) watermelon, squash, large pumpkin, eggplant, cabbage, cantaloupe.

*Medium Vegetables* – (five), cucumbers, decorative gourds, tomatoes, carrots, beets, miniature pumpkins, onions, peppers, potatoes, okra, sweet potatoes, radishes or similar size vegetable.

*Small Vegetables (Twelve Each)*: Green snap beans, wax beans, English peas, radishes or other similar sized vegetables.

*Small fruits* (One half pint box): Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, or other similar sized fruits.

*Tree fruits* (5 each): Apples, pears, peaches, or similar

Quality and condition of exhibit will be considered. Choose vegetables for exhibit that will hold up well under Fair conditions. Avoid over-ripe or over-mature specimens. Those that are slightly under-ripe or slightly immature when picked may last longer.

##### **2501: Small Vegetable Specimen Plate**

Display of 12 specimens. Examples: green snap beans, yellow wax beans, radishes, other small vegetables.

##### **2502: Medium Vegetable Specimen Plate**

Display of five specimens. Examples: cucumbers, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, beets, onions, bell peppers, other peppers, okra, parsnips, radishes, turnips, sweet potatoes, red potatoes, white or Russet potatoes, carrots, miniature pumpkins, decorative gourds, or other medium vegetables.

##### **2503: Large Vegetable Specimen Plate**

Display of one specimen. Examples: watermelon, summer squash, winter squash, large type pumpkin, eggplant, cabbage, head lettuce, cantaloupe, other large vegetable.

##### **2504: Fresh Culinary Herbs**

Display of six, i.e. parsley, basil, dill, etc. Six stems (or a comparable quantity) of ONE VARIETY of fresh herbs exhibited in a disposable container of water. Dried herbs will not be accepted.

##### **2505: Small Fruits**

(one half pint box) Ex. Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, or other similar sized fruits.

**2506: Tree fruits**

(plate of 5) Ex. apples, pears, peaches, or similar sized fruits.

**2507: Grapes**

(plate of 2 bunches)

**FLOWER SPECIAL RULES**

1. Read General Rules.
2. Flowers are to be entered Wednesday morning in the Administration Building. If you are not entering, please notify the superintendent.
3. Individual cut flowers must be in a clear, sturdy, glass container and appropriate to the size of the flower. (Plastic may only be used with superintendent approval.)
4. There should be no leaves from flowers touch the water. Leaves in water may result in a lower ribbon.
5. All materials must be grown and collected rather than purchased.
6. Houseplants, cactus and succulents must be cared for by exhibitor for a minimum of five months prior to the county fair.
7. Decorative containers and terrariums must be cared for by exhibitor for a minimum of three months prior to the county fair. Decorative containers and terrariums must be arranged and planted by exhibitor. Purchased exhibits may not be entered.
8. Exhibitor may enter five different entries per class.

**CLASSES – 5600: Annual Garden Flower**

Cut specimen, single stem or three stems.

**5601: Perennial Garden Flower**

Cut specimen, single stem or three stems.

**5602: Fresh Flower Arrangement**

Flower materials must be grown and/or collected by exhibitor, not purchased.

**5603: Dried Flower Arrangement**

No fabric or plastic material allowed.

**5604: Horticulture Notebook**

Entry shall consist of a notebook or three ring binder of written narrative describing a horticulture project such as a landscape design, landscape installation, lawn renovation, water garden, flower garden, vegetable garden, lawn mowing service, landscape maintenance business, farmer’s market business, or other horticultural project. 4-Hers are encouraged to include photographs, illustrations and/or landscape drawings that help explain work done by the member. Photos taken from the same location before, during and after the completion of the project are particularly helpful. Exhibitor may enter up to, but no more than, two different horticulture notebooks.

**Cactus and Succulents (Not a State Fair Class)**

**Decorative Containers (Not a State Fair Class)**

**Houseplant - Foliage or Flowering (Not a State Fair Class)**

**Terrarium (Not a State Fair Class)**