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**4-H Mini-Garden**

**Judging:** Monday at Noon.

**Arrival time:** Projects may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Monday morning between 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon.

**General Rules:**

- All awards are based on exhibits and knowledge of the youth.
- All entries must remain until 6:30 pm on Sunday.
- Awards will go to the top 3 in each age division.
- Cloverbuds will discuss their projects with the judge and receive participation awards

**Marigold**—Exhibit one marigold plant grown in a one-gallon or smaller container. An exhibit in a container larger than one gallon may not be eligible for top awards.

**MCB** - Cloverbud

**M1** – 8 and 9 years old

**M2** – 10 and 11 years old

**M3** – 12 and 13 years old

**M4** – 14-19 years old

**Tomato**

- No caged tomato plants are allowed.
- Plants must show evidence of suckering and be staked.
- Exhibit one tomato plant grown in a 3 to 5-gallon container. If the container is smaller than 3 gallons or larger than 5 gallons, the exhibit may not be eligible for top awards.

**TCB** - Cloverbud

**T1** – 8 and 9 years old

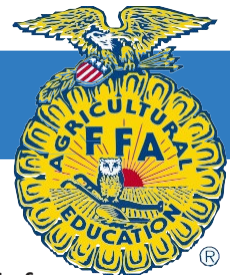
**T2** – 10 and 11 years old

**T3** – 12 and 13 years old

**T4** – 14-19 years old



## 4-H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



### Guidelines for Vegetable Judging

- **Uniformity** – All specimens should be uniform in size, shape, and color. An exhibit with four average specimens and one exceptional specimen will not score as high as an exhibit for five average specimens.
- **Freedom from Defects** – Specimens selected for exhibits should be free from defects such as insect injury, disease injury, growth cracks, air cracks, greening, mechanical injury, and shriveling.
- **Maturity** – All vegetables should be at the best stage for immediate consumption when they are exhibited. Under-mature or over-mature specimens are not desirable, except when specified.
- **Size** – Average-sized specimens rank higher than extremely large or extremely small specimens. The size to exhibit should be determined by the size most acceptable to consumers unless the class is for large specimens.
- **Cleanliness** – All specimens should be clean. Use a soft cloth or a soft brush for this purpose. Vegetables should not be washed unless necessary to remove dirt.
- **True to Variety Name** – Each specimen selected should be true to the name and characteristics of the displayed variety.
- **Arrangements on the Plate** – Exhibitors can add to the attractiveness of their exhibit by arranging the specimens neatly on the plate.

### Guidelines for Flower Judging:

- **Uniformity** - All specimens should be uniform in size, shape, and color. An exhibit with four average-sized specimens and an exceptional specimen will not score as high as five average specimens.
- **Freedom From Defects** - Specimens selected for exhibits should be free from insect injury, disease, growth cracks, yellowing, and wilting defects.
  - **Maturity—When exhibited, all flowers should be at the best stage for immediate display.** Under-mature or over-mature specimens are not desirable.
- **Size** - Average-sized specimens rank higher than extremely large or extremely small specimens.
- **True to Variety Name** - Each specimen should be true to the name and characteristics of the variety being displayed.
- **Cleanliness** - All specimens should be clean. Remove yellow or dead leaves and ensure all soil has been removed from stems and leaves.
- **Arrangement of Flowers** - Exhibitors can add to the attractiveness of their exhibit by arranging their flowers neatly in the containers being used



## Jr. Fair Vegetable & Flower Gardening



### **General Rules:**

1. The deadline for entries on suitable forms is May 15.
2. FFA members living in Lucas County may participate.
3. Judging follows Junior Fair guidelines.
4. Members need not be present for judging.
5. Each exhibit must have a completed exhibit card.
6. Engineering projects are to be made under the supervision of a Career Tech teacher.
7. Crop projects are to be part of the student's experience program.
  - Sr. Division** - 14-19 years of age as of January 1
  - Jr. Division** - 8-13 years of age as of January 1
  - Cloverbuds** - 5-7 years of age, may participate in any project based on participation only.

### **Jr. Fair Gardening**

1. Check in on the day of judging. Please check the date, day, and time listed under each specific project in the Jr. Fair Vegetable and Flower Division you are entering. Division winners will be announced after each judging is completed.
2. Project books must be completed and accompany the project to be judged and displayed.
3. **Exhibits will be displayed through Sunday at 6:30 pm, or forfeiture of premiums may result.**
4. The judges' decisions are final. Jr. Fair members arriving after their official judging time may not be considered for trophies and awards.
5. Self-determined gardening projects should be entered in a class that most nearly fits the work completed. Special time for judging can also be arranged.
6. The judging schedule may be adjusted due to large enrollment or other reasons that make it necessary.
7. Projects may be disqualified if guidelines are not explicitly followed under the different project listings. The contestant will be disqualified and not considered for top prize awards.
8. All exhibits must be worthy of receiving top honor recognition.
9. Please call Kathy Wenz at 419-574-1986 if you do not understand the contests.

### **Jr. Fair Open Class "Create Your Own" Competition:**

Judging: Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Project check-in 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

- **Decorated Hat** - with hanger provided by the participant
- **Decorated Grapevine Wreath** - with hanger provided by the participant
- **Decorated Wreath** - with hanger provided by the participant
- **Silk Flower Arrangement**
- **Silk Flower Bud Vase**
- **Decorated Shovel** - Choose any shovel, from a hand trowel to a scoop shovel.  
Shovels can be painted or decorated.

***Awards are given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division—Junior, Senior, and Adults***



## 4-H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



### **Jr. Fair Free Standing Scarecrow**

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (projects should check in from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

- Jr. Division – 8-13 years of age as of January 1.
- Sr. Division – 14-19 years of age as of January 1.

#### **General Rules:**

1. Only one entry per individual exhibitor.
2. Entry must be freestanding.
3. Height of each entry must not exceed 6' nor be below 3'. Width must not exceed 6'. Entry must consist of a single scarecrow with no multiple characters.
4. Scarecrow must have a gardening theme and have something to do with gardening.
5. Please note: Scarecrows should be loveable, mischievous, and humorous, NOT frightening

### **Jr. Fair Sunflower Contest:**

**Judging:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**Arrival time:** Project check-in 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

#### **General Rules:**

1. Grow any variety, color, or size of sunflower you like.
2. This will be a fun contest, so let's see what you can do with a sunflower seed.
3. Bring the head only to the fair for judging and a glass container for water.
4. Let's see which one the judge likes best.

### **Jr Fair Tallest Corn Stalk Contest:**

**Judging:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**Arrival time:** Project check-in 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

#### **General Rules:**

1. You may get a corn stalk from a farmer's field (with permission) or grow your own.  
Growing your own allows you to nurture and fertilize it however you choose.
2. Stalk must have a root ball. The root ball must be in a 5-gallon or similar container that does not leak, so the stalk can be watered.
3. The measurement will be from the top of the root ball to the tallest part of the stalk or tassel.

***Awards are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division - Junior and Senior***



## 4-H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



### **Jr. Fair Flowering Potted & Foliage Potted Plant**

**Judging:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**Arrival time:** Junior and Senior Potted Plants may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

#### **General Rules:**

1. Each pot may have up to three plants of the same specimen and in bloom.
2. Each exhibitor may enter as many classes as he/she can compete in.
3. Only one entry per class.
4. Plants must have grown in a container for at least two months, showing strong root development.
5. 4-H participants must have cared for plants.
6. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display.
7. The common name of the plant must be written on the back of the entry tag

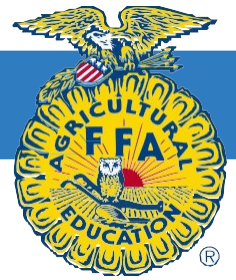
#### **Specimens may include but are not limited to:**

- Class 1: One pot Petunias
- Class 2: One Pot Geraniums
- Class 3: One pot Coleus (not in bloom)
- Class 4: One pot African Violet (crown in bloom)
- Class 5: One pot French Marigold (Safari Series, Janie Series, Durango Series, Bonanza Series)
- Class 6: One pot Begonia (fibrous)
- Class 7: One pot Vine (may include more than one plant)
- Class 8: One pot Cacti or other succulent (one type plant per pot)
- Class 9: Open Class: Any potted plant other than the above specimens

**Awards:** Rosettes or awards are to be given to the individual in each division who accumulates the most points. 1st place - 3 Points, 2nd Place - 2 Points, 3rd Place - 1 Points



## Jr. Fair Vegetable & Flower Gardening



### Jr. Fair individual Vegetable

Judging: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Arrival time: Project check-in Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

#### General Rules:

- The quantity of vegetables to display is listed.
- Paper plates will be provided for all exhibits.
- Each exhibitor may enter as many classes as he/she is eligible to complete.
- Only one entry per class.
- 4-H/FFA participants must have grown all items for competition.

**Awards:** Rosettes or awards are to be given to the individual in each division who accumulates the most points. 1st place - 3 Points, 2nd Place - 2 Points, 3rd Place - 1 Point

#### **Classes:**

1. Red Tomatoes (without calyx) – 3
2. Yellow Tomatoes (without calyx) – 3
3. Salad Tomatoes – 10 (pear, cherry, or pasta with calyx)
4. Green Bush Beans (semi-mature) – 10 pods
5. Yellow Wax Beans (semi-mature) – 10 pods
6. Lima Beans (semi-mature) – 10 pods
7. Sweet Corn – 3 ears (husk and silk removed from one side; top to boom)
8. Yellow Onions – 3 (outer scale and 2" stem remaining)
9. White Onions – 3 (outer scale and 2" stem remaining)
10. Red Onions – 3 (outer scale and 2" stem remaining)
11. Table Beets – 3 (smooth, tap root remaining)
12. Carrot (cut tops) – 3
13. Cucumbers (any variety) – 3
14. Sweet Peppers (bell type) – 3
15. Banana Peppers – 5
16. White Potatoes –
17. Red Potatoes – 3
18. Cabbage -1 (2 sets of outer leaves remaining; any variety)
19. Watermelon (any variety) – 1
20. Muskmelon – 2
21. Pumpkin (any variety) – 1
22. Squash Summer (Bush, scallop, white or yellow) – 2
23. Squash Summer (yellow) – 2
24. Squash Summer (Zucchini) – 2
25. Squash Summer (Crook Neck) – 2
26. Squash Summer (Straight Neck) – 2
27. Squash Winter (Acorn) – 1
28. Squash Winter (Butternut) – 1
29. Eggplant (any variety) – 1





## 4-H/FFA Vegetable & Flower Gardening



### **4-H/FFA Flowering Hanging Basket Foliage Hanging Basket**

**Judging:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**Arrival time:** Junior and Senior Hanging Baskets may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

#### **General Rules:**

1. Baskets must have a suitable hanger for pipe rods. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display.
2. Plants should have grown in a container for at least two months and show strong root development.
3. 4-H participants must have cared for plants.
4. The plant's common name must be written on the back of the entry tag.
5. A Best of Class will be awarded, and a Grand Champion will be selected.
- 6 Junior and Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Potted Planters are to be auctioned at the Livestock Sale on Friday, with 10% of earnings, to the Junior Fair Gardening Division.

#### **Specimens may include, but are not limited to:**

- Flowering Annuals (Including Coleus, Impatiens, Petunias, Fibrous Begonias, Geraniums)
- Ferns and Ivies, cascading or vining (Including Swedish Ivy and Pothos)
- Other foliage (not included in the above specimens)

### **4-H/FFA Potted Planter:**

**Judging:** Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

**Arrival time:** Junior and Senior Potted Planters may be delivered to the Junior Fair Gardening area on Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

#### **General Rules:**

1. Planters must include three or more different specimens of plants in one container.
2. Plants must have been growing in a container for at least two months, showing strong root development and in bloom, except where noted.
3. Planters must have been cared for by 4-H/FFA participants.
4. Any suitable container may be used.
5. Common names of plants must be written on the back of the exhibitor tag.
6. Junior and Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Potted Planters are to be auctioned at the Livestock Sale on Friday, with 10% of earnings to the Junior Fair Gardening Division.

#### **Specimens may include, but are not limited to:**

- Petunia
- Begonia (fibrous)
- Geraniums
- Coleus (not in bloom)
- French Marigold
- Vine (may be more than one plant)
- Cacti and Other Succulents
- Salvia
- Any plant other than the above specimen