

2008 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – Horticulture

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FLORICULTURE

Each county may select 10% of their youth enrolled in the World of Flowers, Annual Flowers and/or Growing Great Houseplants projects to exhibit floriculture at State Fair.

Youth must be enrolled in the **World of Flowers** and/or **Annual Flowers** projects to exhibit a maximum of FOUR (4) entries per person in classes 1-45 (cut flowers) and 50-53 (notebooks and posters). Exhibits are limited to ONE EXHIBIT PER EXHIBIT CLASS NUMBER. Notebooks and posters must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

The cultivar or variety name must be included on all entry cards. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor not the Extension staff or office personnel. For Floriculture, punch hole in the top center of entry tag, use a rubber band to securely attach entry tag to containers.

Exhibits entered under an incorrect class number or containing an incorrect number of stems will be dropped one ribbon placing. A perennial is defined as a plant of which the crown overwinters. An annual is a plant that grows from seed each season, whether self-seeded or planted by the gardener. A biennial is a plant that germinates, grows and overwinters as a crown, blooms the following year and dies. Foliage will be considered when exhibit is judged.

Cut Flowers: All 3 or 5 stems of cut flowers should be the same cultivar and color, do not mix cultivars and colors. Containers will not be judged; however, they should be glass containers of a neutral color that won't tip over and of adequate size to display blooms. Containers will not be returned at State Fair. Score Sheet SF106.

Division 770, CLASSES

Annuals and biennials - 5 stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

1. Aster
2. Bachelor Buttons
3. Bells of Ireland
4. Browallia
5. Calendula
6. Celosia (crested or plume) (3 stems)
7. Cosmos
8. Dahlia
9. Dianthus
10. Foxglove
11. Gladiolus (3 stems)
12. Gomphrena
13. Hollyhock (3 stems)
14. Marigold
15. Pansy
16. Petunia
17. Salvia
18. Snapdragon
19. Statice
20. Sunflower (under 3" diameter-5 stems, 3" or more in diameter-3 stems)
21. Vinca
22. Zinnia

23. Any other annual or biennial (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 3 stems)
(do not duplicate entries in classes 1-22)

Perennials - 5 stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

30. Achillea / Yarrow
31. Chrysanthemum
32. Coreopsis
33. Daisy
34. Gaillardia
35. Helianthus
36. Liatris (3 stems)
37. Platycodon
38. Purple coneflower
39. Rose (3 stems)
40. Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan
41. Sedum
42. Statice
43. Any other perennial (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 3 stems) (do not duplicate entries in classes 30-42)
44. 4-H Flower Garden Collection of 5 different flowers. Display in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned at State Fair. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 1-43. Do not duplicate entries in classes 1-43 with any in the group collection.

Notebooks & posters

50. Flower Notebook - Exhibit a notebook containing pictures of flowers grown in Nebraska. There must be at least 10 different species of annuals and/or biennials and 10 different species of perennials hardy to Nebraska. Bulbs may be included in a separate section. 4-H'ers may show more than one cultivar of the same species, but they will only count as one species. The notebook must be the result of the current year's work. Pictures from garden catalogs, hand drawn pictures, or photographs may be used. Each species/cultivar must be labeled with the correct common name and scientific name; the height and spread of the plant and the growing conditions (for example: needs full sun and dry sandy soil) the species prefers. In addition to this information, bulbs should also be labeled as spring or summer flowering. Give proper credit by listing the sources of pictures and information used. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the notebook. Score Sheet SF100.
51. Flower Garden Promotion Poster - Individual poster promoting flower gardening, size 14" x 22" either vertical or horizontal arrangement. Poster may be in any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, etc. as long as it is not 3-dimensional. Posters using copyrighted material will not be accepted. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF103.
52. Educational Flower Garden Poster - Prepare a poster 14" x 22" x 2" (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project you have done or learned about in a 4-H flowers or houseplant project. One might show a special technique used or equipment incorporated in the garden. Refer to 4-H horticulture project manuals, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF104.
53. Flower Gardening History Interview - Neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview whose flower garden has inspired you. Maximum of 4 pages of text and 2 pages of pictures (include 1 picture of the person you interviewed) of their flower garden if the individual is still gardening. Protect with a clear report cover or small 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. Score Sheet SF105.

Youth must be enrolled in the **Growing Great Houseplants** project to exhibit in classes 60-65. Youth may enter a maximum of THREE (3) entries in classes 50-65, but each entry must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

Container Grown Plants: The choice of container and soil quality will be considered in judging. Each plant must be identified by listing the names on the entry tag or on a card attached to the container. Plants should be grown in the display container for a minimum of six weeks. Entries in Classes 63-65 must have been designed and planted by the 4-H member. Container grown plants must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to be exhibited at the State Fair. Container grown plants shall be in pots no greater than 10" in diameter and weigh no more than 10 pounds. Dish and desert gardens may be up to 12" in diameter but not more than 10 pounds. Terrariums may not weigh over 10

pounds. Any container grown plant in Classes 60-65 that weighs over 10 pounds will be disqualified and will not be judged. Classes 60-64 exhibitors must have and provide a saucer to catch drainage water. The 4-H members name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the bottom or back of the container and saucer. Score Sheet SF107.

- 60. Flowering potted plants(s) that are blooming for exhibition. Non-blooming plants will be disqualified.
- 61. Foliage potted plant(s) of all the same variety.
- 62. Hanging basket of flowering and/or foliage plants.
- 63. Dish garden - an open container featuring a variety of plants excluding cacti and succulents.
- 64. Desert garden - an open container featuring cacti and/or succulents.
- 65. Terrarium - a transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed.

DEPARTMENT 773, VEGETABLES, HERBS & FRUITS

Each county can select 10% of their youth enrolled in the **Everyone A Gardener** project and/or **Gardening Unit 1-Unit 4**. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of FOUR (4) entries per person in classes 201-294. Exhibits are limited to ONE EXHIBIT PER EXHIBIT CLASS NUMBER. Notebooks and posters must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

The cultivar or variety name must be included on all entry cards. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor, not the Extension staff or Office personnel. Exhibits entered under an incorrect class number or containing an incorrect number of vegetables will be dropped one ribbon placing. Score Sheet SF108.

Follow the guidelines in 4-H 226 (revised 1994) when preparing entries for the fair. At State Fair, plates will be provided for the exhibitor.

Division 773

Class	Vegetable	#'s to Exhibit
201.	Lima Beans	12
202.	Snap Beans	12
203.	Wax Beans	12
204.	Beets	5
205.	Broccoli	2
206.	Brussels Sprouts	12
207.	Green Cabbage	2
208.	Red Cabbage	2
209.	Carrots	5
210.	Cauliflower	2
211.	Slicing Cucumbers	2
212.	Pickling Cucumbers	5
213.	Eggplant	2
214.	Kohlrabi	5
215.	Muskmelon/Cantaloupe	2
216.	Okra	5
217.	Yellow Onions	5
218.	Red Onions	5
219.	White Onions	5
220.	Parsnips	5
221.	Bell Peppers	5
222.	Sweet (Non-Bell) Peppers	5
223.	Jalapeño Peppers	5
224.	Hot (Non-Jalapeno) Peppers	5
225.	White Potatoes	5
226.	Red Potatoes	5
227.	Russet Potatoes	5
228.	Other Potatoes	5
229.	Pumpkin	2
230.	Miniature Pumpkins (Jack Be Little type)	5

231.	Radish	5
232.	Rhubarb	5
233.	Rutabaga	2
234.	Green Summer Squash	2
235.	Yellow Summer Squash	2
236.	White Summer Squash	2
237.	Acorn Squash	2
238.	Butternut Squash	2
239.	Buttercup Squash	2
240.	Other Winter Squash	2
241.	Sweet Corn (in husks)	5
242.	Swiss Chard	5
243.	Red Tomatoes (2" or more in diameter)	5
244.	Roma or Sauce-type tomatoes	5
245.	Salad Tomatoes (under 2" diameter)	12
246.	Yellow Tomatoes (2" or more in diameter)	5
247.	Turnips	5
248.	Watermelon	2
249.	Dry Edible Beans	1 pint
250.	Gourds, mixed types	5
251.	Gourds, single variety	5
252.	Any other vegetable 2, 5 or 12 (do not duplicate entries in classes 201-251) doesn't fit in any other class	
255.	4-H Vegetable Garden Collection of five kinds of vegetables. Display Garden Collection in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned at State Fair. Showmanship will be considered in judging, but plastic grass, cotton, figurines, etc. should not be used in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (201-252). Do not duplicate entries in classes 201-252 with any in the group collection.	
256.	4-H Cultivar Vegetable Collection. Vegetables entered in the collection are 5 cultivars from a single exhibit; for example, 5 cultivars of all types of peppers, squash, onions, tomatoes, etc. Display in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned at State Fair. Showmanship will be considered in judging; but plastic grass, cotton figurines, etc. should not be used in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (201-252).	

Herbs

Herbs will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Those grown mainly for their seed, such as dill and caraway, should be exhibited on a plate. Those grown for their leaves such as basil, parsley, etc. should be exhibited in a glass container of water. Containers will not be returned at State Fair. Potted herb plants will be disqualified and will not be judged. Score Sheet SF108.

260.	Basil	5
261.	Dill (dry)	5
262.	Garlic (bulbs)	5
263.	Mint	5
264.	Oregano	5
265.	Parsley	5
266.	Sage	5
267.	Thyme	5
268.	Any other herb	5 (do not duplicate entries in classes 260-267)
269.	4-H Herb Garden Display of 5 different herbs. Displayed in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned at State Fair. Each herb in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 260-268. Do not duplicate entries in classes 260-268 with any in the group collection.	

Fruits

Fruits will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Fruit will be judged for the stage of maturity normal for that season and growing location. Emphasis will be placed on how well fruit approaches market quality. Score Sheet SF108.

280.	Strawberries (everbearers)	1 pint
281.	Grapes	2 bunches

- 282. Apples 5
- 283. Pears 5
- 284. Wild Plums 1 pint
- 285. Other small fruit or berries 1 pint (do not duplicate entries in classes 280-284)
- 286. Other fruits OR nuts 5 (do not duplicate entries in classes 280-284)

Educational Exhibits

- 290. Garden Promotion Poster-Individual poster promoting vegetable or herb gardening, size 14" x 22" either vertical or horizontal arrangement. Poster may be in any medium so long as it is not 3-dimensional. Posters using copyrighted material will not be accepted. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF103.
- 291. Educational Vegetable or Herb Garden Poster-Prepare a poster 14" x 22" x 2" (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project the 4-H'er has done or learned about in a 4-H vegetable gardening project. One might show a special technique used or equipment incorporated in the garden (e.g., drip irrigation system, composting, or special techniques learned). Refer to 4-H horticulture project manuals, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, full address county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF104.
- 292. Vegetable and/or Herb Gardening History Interview-Neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview whose vegetable or herb garden has inspired you. Maximum of 4 pages of text and 2 pages of pictures (include 1 picture of the person you interviewed) of their garden if the individual is still gardening. Protect with a clear report cover or 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. Score Sheet SF105.
- 293. Vegetable Seed Display-Each display must include seeds representing the following families: Cucurbit, Brassica (cabbage), Solanaceous (nightshade), and Legume (pea) families, plus representatives from 5 other families. Group the seeds by family and type. Glue seeds or otherwise fasten clear containers of seeds to a board or poster mat board no larger than 22" x 24". Label each group and each individual vegetable type with the common and scientific names. Use only one variety or cultivar of each vegetable, except for beans where several examples of beans may be shown. Attach a card to the back of the display explaining why and how it is important to know which vegetables are related, and site references on where the scientific name information was found. On the back, label with the 4-H'ers name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s). Information on vegetable family members can be obtained from your extension office. Score Sheet SF101.
- 294. World of Vegetables Notebook-Choose a favorite foreign cuisine and learn what vegetables and/or herbs are common to it (e.g. Mexican, African, Chinese, Italian, etc.). Include a report telling about a minimum of 5 vegetables and/or herbs from each country chosen. Include the scientific and common names; pictures of the plants from your garden or seed catalogs; tell how they are grown; and how the foods are used. Also list a source for buying the seed or plants. Favorite recipes using some or all of the vegetables described may be included. Give proper credit by listing the source of pictures and information used. Protect in a clear report cover or 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. Score Sheet SF102.