

July, 2009

Dear State Fair Horticulture Exhibitors:

Fair time is just around the corner. Here are some reminders as you prepare for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

**BE SURE TO READ YOUR 2009 STATE FAIR 4-H PREMIUM BOOK ONLINE at:
<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>
ESPECIALLY THE REQUIRED SECTIONS**

The 2009 4-H Horticulture Show will be held on Saturday, August 15th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. **Check-in will be held on Friday, August 14th from 4-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning, August 15th, from 7-8:30 a.m.** All entries must be in place by 8:30 A.M. Saturday morning. We have included a map of the fairgrounds for your convenience. You may enter through Gate 6 or 8. Your gate pass and parking pass will allow you and your vehicle onto the grounds. When you approach the road block, inform them you have 4-H horticulture exhibits to unload, and that you need to get to the Agriculture Building.

*****Plan your entry time carefully so you have sufficient time to complete all of your entries prior to the 8:30 a.m. deadline on Saturday morning.*****

Exhibits will remain in the Agriculture Building until 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 17th. All exhibits not picked up by 3:00 p.m., August 17th will be discarded. Please indicate on your 4-H Exhibitor Summary the exhibits that you will be picking up and which are to be disposed. **Due to the increasing size of our 4-H Horticulture Show, we ask for your assistance in removing your exhibits. Please make an effort to pick up your exhibits on Monday, August 17th, from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Enclosed are your exhibit tags and instructions for completing these tags:

- Please attach a standard beige exhibit tag to each of your exhibits, except for entries in Class # **5303**.
- Also attach a special salmon colored variety card to exhibits in Class # **5105, 5301, 5302**.
- A special green colored exhibit card is the only identification needed for exhibits in Class # **5303** – County Platter.
- Attach your personal identification labels (enclosed) to the exhibit tags that you plan to use (this will eliminate the need for you to write out your name, address, city and county). Be sure the cut-out flap is functional.
- The very top line on the exhibit tags is the “Variety” line. Write in the vegetable variety name on this blank. If this information is missing your best placing is in jeopardy. **REMEMBER:** Each entry **MUST** show the variety name. **Print Clearly!**

*****Be sure to check the 4-H Premium Book for the specific number of specimens required per plate for each class entry.*****

***** Again in 2009 – Special adhesive stickers with ribbon placings will be used on the plates during the display period. Exhibitors will be able to pick up the real ribbons at check-out/release time, or the ribbons will be returned to your County Extension Office at the conclusion of the fair.***

Exhibitors are permitted up to two entries per class and will be paid cash awards for both entries if they place. You will be allowed to make additional horticulture entries when you arrive at the fair, at \$.25 per entry. When all of your exhibits are in place at the fair, turn in your 4-H Horticulture Exhibitor Summary form at the check-in table.

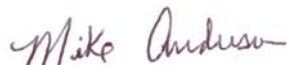
We will be providing the plates and bottles for exhibiting specimens. The brown bottles will be approximately 8 inches tall.

Parking hang tags can be purchased in advance. These parking passes are good for Lot T only. Lot T is located on the north side of the Youth Inn all the way up the hill to Grandfather's Barn.

If possible, please plan to attend the 4-H Awards Presentation at the center stage area of the Agriculture Building on Saturday, August 15th at approximately 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to working with you at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Sincerely,



Joe Yedlik – 4-H Horticulture Superintendent

Mike Anderson – 4-H Livestock Superintendent

Encl.: Entry tags & labels
 Entry tag instruction sheet
 Map, Exhibitor Summary Form
 Variety cards for Class 5105, 5301, and 5302
 Sample of county platter card for Class 5303

C: Jen Cannon