

2009 Linn County Fair



Horticulture Department

Rules: (Note: All General Rules and rules for Building Division apply)

1. Exhibits and products (vegetables and flowers) must come from the exhibitor's own efforts.
2. Each member may have **three exhibits per project** in which they are **enrolled**. (Three per Flowers and Houseplant Project, three per Vegetable Project, three per Crops Project) The Horticulture—General Exhibit may be an **additional exhibit**.
3. Flower displays and vegetable trays should be arranged in a cardboard box covered with paper or foil. The box is furnished by exhibitor and must be marked with name of exhibitor in an inconspicuous place. Indicate variety of each vegetable and flower on 3"x5" card.
4. Each flower in a display should be in a separate container. Containers for these display flowers and single stem flowers are to be furnished by the exhibitor. A clear or FOIL covered narrow-neck bottle of appropriate size for flower is acceptable. **Vases will be disqualified.**
5. Flowers and vegetables are to be exhibited and displayed at the proper stage of maturity, such as no green tomatoes. **Exhibitors should follow recommendations listed in Extension publications 4-H 462 "Harvesting and preparing vegetables for exhibits" AND 4-H 464 "Exhibiting Flowers and Houseplants."**

Note: There is a FFA/4-H Horticulture Show at State Fair. Advance entries are due July 1. Check with the Extension Office for details.

Horticulture – General

Classes

711A—Horticulture Exhibit

An exhibit which is an outgrowth of participation in flower gardening and ornamentals, home garden, small fruit crop and vegetable crop project or program. Exhibits might include such ideas or concepts as cultivar selection, plant nutrition, insect, weed or disease control, harvesting, marketing, careers, etc.

711B—Home Grounds Improvement

An exhibit which is an outgrowth of participation in a home grounds improvement project or program. Exhibits might include ideas or concepts such as landscape plans, techniques, selection of landscape plants, garden design, garden features, careers, etc.

Flowers and Houseplants Project

Classes

7111A—Junior Flower Display

For members 4th, 5th, 6th grade as of September 15, 2008. Display should consist of three different kinds of flowers.

7111B—Intermediate/Senior Flower Display

For members 7th grade and above as of September 15, 2008. Display should consist of four different kinds of flowers.

7111C—Flower Arrangement

Arrangement must be created by member using fresh or dried flowers. At least half of the flowers used must come from the member's garden. A 3"x5" card stating how and where the arrangement will be used must be included.

7111D—Single Stem Flower

Some possibilities are: gladiola, zinnia, marigold, roses, dahlias, snapdragons, cockscomb, dianthus, bachelor button, cosmos

7111E—Heritage or Heirloom Variety Flower

To be displayed in same way as modern variety of flower. Attach a story telling why this flower was chosen and how it is different.

7111F—Flowering Houseplant *

7111G—Foliage Houseplant *

7111H—Container Garden (indoor or outdoor)* or Terrarium *

* Member must own the plant for at least **THREE** months. Attach houseplant project worksheet.

Vegetables and Herbs Project

Classes

7112A—Junior Vegetable Tray

For members 4th, 5th, 6th grade as of September 15, 2008. Each exhibit should consist of **3 different items**.

7112B—Intermediate/Senior Vegetable Tray

For members 7th grade and above as of September 15, 2008. Each exhibit should consist of **5 different items**.

7112C—Individual Plates

Exhibits should be displayed on paper plates (provided by exhibitor). Exhibits may come from the following choices:

- Beans, either snap, or yellow wax, 6 pods
- Beets, 3 specimens
- Cabbage, either round, or red, 1 head
- Carrots, 3 specimens
- Cucumbers, either for slicing, (6-8 inches) or dill (5 inches), 2 specimens
- Cucumbers, for pickling, 5 specimens
- Onions, either red, or white or yellow, 3 specimens
- Peppers, bell or sweet, or green, or any other sweet variety, 2 specimens
- Peppers, hot, any variety, 3 specimens
- Potatoes, white or red, 3 specimens
- Squash, summer, any variety, 2 specimens
- Sweet corn, 3 ears (exhibited with husks open on one side)

- Tomatoes, red slicing type, 3 specimens
- Tomatoes, cherry type, 10 specimens
- Herbs, any variety, 1 sprig
- Any other vegetable, as described in 4-H 462
- Fruits, any home grown, such as raspberries, blackberries, 1 cup

7112D—Heritage or Heirloom Variety Vegetable

To be displayed in same way as modern variety of vegetable. Attach a story telling why this vegetable was chosen and how it is different.

7112E – Largest Vegetable/Fruit

Bring a sample of vegetable or fruit including the seed packet and be prepared to discuss growing technique with the judge. If not present on judging day, submit written material discussing growing technique.

Crops Project

7113B—Market Class

An exhibit of produce grown for sale by the exhibitor. A folder containing the market plan must accompany the exhibit. If maturity time is past or is too early, be sure to include pictures in plan.