

4-H Ag & Natural Resources and Horticulture at Iowa State Fair

Marion County 4-H'ers contributed to more than 200 agriculture and natural resources entries judged in the 4-H Exhibits Building and the horticulture produce in the Agriculture Building

These divisions includes over 14 classes, more than any other, according to Mitchell Hoyer, program coordinator for Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development. They include the animal, plant and veterinary sciences; the environment and wildlife; horticulture, home grounds, forests and insects.

"Animal science as an exhibit area probably is one of the best kept secrets. These exhibits grow out of work in an animal project. A 4-H'ers might have an injured animal and set a goal to heal the injury. The exhibit would show that 4-H'ers learn more about their animals than just how to prepare them for the show ring."

"These 4-H'ers have shown a mastery of their subject matter," said Chuck Morris, Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development director. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of these youths."

Nearly 8,600 members annually enroll in horticulture (the largest class), doing everything from growing a few peppers to constructing a patio, Hoyer said.

"4-H'ers participating in horticulture projects at the Iowa State Fair utilize many different management practices for planning, growing, and day-to-day care," said Mike Anderson, 4-H agriculture superintendent. "By participating, they can also see what others are doing and take home new ideas for next year."

Those exhibiting this year were:

Amanda Cook, Pleasantville, Maine-Anjou Poster, **Blue**

Jenny Kuenstling, Knoxville, Horseless Horse Report, **Blue**

Megan MacRunnell, Pella, Forestry, **Red**

Jacob Petersen, Knoxville, Beans, snap, Red, Cabbage, red, Red, Cabbage, red, Red, Carrots, Red, Onions, red, Purple **1**, Onions, red, Blue, Onions, white, Red, Onions, white, Purple **1**, Onions, yellow, Red, Onions, yellow, Blue, Potatoes, red, White, Potatoes, red, Red, Potatoes, white, Red, Potatoes, white, Red, Potatoes, yellow/gold, Blue, Potatoes, yellow/gold, Red, Any other kind of vegetable, Blue, Any other kind of vegetable, Red, Any other individual herb, Red, Any other individual herb, Red
Joshua Petersen, Knoxville, Cabbage, red, Red, Cabbage, red, Blue, Carrots, Red, Carrots, Red, Onions, red, Blue, Onions, red, Red, Onions, white, Red, Onions, yellow, Purple **2**, Onions, yellow, Purple **1**, Peppers, sweet, bell, green, White, Potatoes, red, Red, Potatoes, red, Blue **2**, Potatoes, white, Red, Potatoes, white, White
Potatoes, yellow/gold, Red, Potatoes, yellow/gold, Red, Tomato, red slicing, White, Tomato, red slicing, White

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