

Home Garden Judging Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2023

The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for youth to develop gardening skills and responsibility to care for and present their project for judging.

SCHEDULE

JUNE 1st, 2023

Entry form link due to the Extension office

JUNE 19-20th 2023

Garden judged on-site

RULES

1. General 4-H/FFA Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Buchanan County Home Garden Judging Day will be held on two days in June, depending on number of entries. **Entry form link needs to be completed by June 1st** by 4:30 pm.
3. The garden should be an outgrowth of the member's 4-H/FFA experience, with the ability to communicate as the major criteria for judging.
4. The on-site judging shall consist of 4 age divisions: Clover Kid, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
5. **A single 4-H'er or partners of any age may team up** to plant and care for their own home garden of flowers or vegetables. They will be judged accordingly.
6. All gardens will be judged on-site by a judge. Dates will depend on the number of entries. Members will receive an approximate time the judge will arrive prior to judging day.
7. Gardens will be judged on their own merit with awards of blue, red and white in each age division. Clover Kids will be given a green participation ribbon.
 - a. Plan for Garden
 - b. Garden Layout
 - c. Number and Selection of Vegetables
 - d. Maintenance
 - e. Disease and Pest Control
 - f. Soil Improvement
 - g. Garden Knowledge
8. The judge will pick the final overall winners for Overall Champion, Overall Reserve Champion and Family Champion.
9. Members should be present at time of judging. If unable to, a garden plan and notes should be presented by another 4-H/FFA member or a sibling.
10. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the annual Junior Farmers Market.