

GARDEN

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT:		Jennifer Sullivan, 317-403-5425, bunnylaw7@gmail.com
EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Poster	Sunday, July 13, 4-6 PM
	Produce	Wednesday, July 16, 8-10 AM
JUDGING:		Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 AM, Open Judging
RELEASE:		Tuesday, July 22, 9-11 AM ,and 5-7 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:		Unlimited entries

Project Description:

You can garden just about anywhere- you don't need to live in the country or have a big yard to be a gardener. The Garden project teaches members all about gardening and how to have fun while learning! You will learn about planting a vegetable garden, planting, fertilizing, different vegetable parts, harvesting storage techniques, and careers.

Levels:

- Level A** **Grades 3-4 suggested**
- Level B** **Grades 5-6 suggested**
- Level C** **Grades 7-9 suggested**
- Level D** **Grades 10-12 suggested**

Each year members are recommended to complete three (3) activities in the project manual.

There will be a Grand Champion for each category (single, collection, and herb).

State Fair: Anyone interested in exhibiting a Garden produce exhibit at the State Fair may do so. You do not have to pre-qualify at the County Fair to exhibit at State Fair; however, you do need to contact the Extension Office for an entry form. Please note: If you wish to exhibit garden collections at the State Fair, you must provide the scientific name of the vegetables you are entering.

Poster Guidelines:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Exhibit Guidelines:

- Garden exhibits will be placed by level in each option.
- All exhibits should meet the specifications of number and size of each vegetable, per plate, as listed in Form 4-H 970 W- "Suggested 4-H Garden Exhibits." **
- Each exhibit must have a Garden Card, Small Label Card, and Exhibit tag.
- All vegetables and herbs entered must have been grown by the 4-H club member in the Garden project.
- Green tomatoes may be shown as an exhibit and will be considered equal to red, ripe tomatoes in judging.
- Plates will be furnished for the vegetables. Exhibitors must furnish containers for flowers and herbs.

**See Table 1, "Standards for Preparing 4-H Vegetable Garden Exhibits" in Form 4-H 970W- "Suggested 4-H Garden Exhibits." Also, read carefully the section on Suggestions for Preparing 4-H Vegetable Garden Exhibits.

Produce Exhibit (All Levels) You may exhibit in each of the following options:

- Option A. Single plate of vegetables you grew. (Maximum of five (5) different vegetables) Select from Form 4-H 970W- "Suggested 4-H Garden Exhibits" (updated yearly). Each plate of vegetables must include a Garden Card and a Small Label Card. (Small Label Card shows the common name and variety of the vegetable. See Form 4-H 970W.)
- Option B. A Collection of vegetables you grew. Choose one (1) Collection class: a three (3) plate, four (4) plate, or five (5) plate collection of different vegetables you grew. A Collection exhibit may include a display of not less than three (3) garden flowers grown in your garden. Each plate of vegetables in the Collection must include a Small Label Card (Small Label Card shows the common name and variety of the vegetable. See Form 4-H 970W) and one (1) Garden Card for the whole Collection.
- Option C. A pot of an edible type herb you grew. (Maximum of three (3) different herbs) Each herb must be in its own pot (8-inch maximum diameter pot), have a drainage hole, and saucer for water retention. Each potted herb must include a Small Label Card (Small Label Card shows the common name and variety of the herb. See Form 4-H 970 W) and one (1) Garden card.

Educational Exhibit Option (Judged separately) (One (1) State Fair Entry per County). Posters must follow poster rules, page 30, #14.

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any manual activity or on any gardening topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Youth can also design and complete an independent study activity.

