

Garden

(Any 4-H'er may enter a State Fair exhibit - check with Extension Office)

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4online by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by last business day in June, which is June 30, 2021. See page 7 Rule #23.
- Exhibits checked-in Saturday, July 24 from 9am-12 noon, judging starts at 12:30 pm

The 4-H member should complete 2 activities in their Garden Activity Manual.

Level A - Grades 3 & 4

Level B - Grades 5 & 6

Level C - Grades 7, 8, 9

Level D - Grades 10, 11, 12

An Allen County 4-H General Record Sheet must be completed, signed and turned in at the beginning of check-in for All Exhibit Building Projects.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author when using outside sources, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site 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 manner in which references are listed.

County Exhibit Rules are: All vegetables or herbs should be labeled according to variety. All vegetables must have been produced by the 4-H member. Exhibit should be as near maturity as possible. Exhibit must be from list of 'Suggested 4-H Garden Exhibits' (4-H 970-W) See Table 1. **Also, read carefully the section on *Suggestions for Preparing 4-H Vegetable Garden Exhibits*.**

Requirements

Level: All levels

Project Completion Recommendations

Read and study 4-H Garden manual(s).

Plan your garden.

Select plants and seeds.

Plant your garden.

Care for your garden.

Harvest your produce.

Exhibit your produce.

Try something new, as listed in the manual.

Keep a complete record of your garden activities.

Complete activities as required in manual.

Single Vegetable

May be selected from 4-H Garden Publication 4-H 970-W (**updated yearly**) or list in the State Fair Premium book. Maximum of 5 different single plate exhibits per exhibitor. Single vegetable entries should be labeled with common name, Latin name, and variety of vegetable. The Latin names can be found in 4-H Garden Publication 4-H 970-W.

Example:

Green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*)

'Blue Lake 47 Bush'

Garden Collection

three (3) plates

four (4) plates

five (5) plates

In all three classes, vegetables are to be exhibited on paper plates and may include a display of not less than three garden flowers, grown in your own garden. Exhibitors may each exhibit one collection (3 or 4 or 5 plate garden collection) at State Fair. Garden

collection entries should be labeled with common name, Latin name, and variety. Latin names can be found in 4-H Garden Publication 4-H 970-W.

Single Herb Exhibit

Can enter three single herbs (all edible types) that must be labeled with common and Latin names and in pots 8" diameter maximum. (maximum of three different pots)

Resource HO-28; 4-H 970-W

For list of herbs acceptable for State Fair, see State Fair handbook or 4-H 970W.

Garden Education

One garden education exhibit per county. May be selected for Indiana State Fair exhibition.

Anyone can complete Section IV (Garden Education), but members enrolled in Levels C and D of the garden project SHOULD exhibit one of the following activities in addition to the Produce Exhibit (Section I, II and III). Not eligible for Champion, Reserve Champion or Honor Class.

Produce Options

Exhibit four (4) plates containing two cultivars of two different kinds of vegetables in your garden. *For example:* display tomato *Rutgers* and tomato *Roma* on two plates and spinach *Melody* and *America* on two plates. Label the cultivars you exhibit.

Label and exhibit three unusual vegetables (may or may not be discussed in your 4-H Garden Manual) you grew in your garden this year. If not listed in the vegetable display chart, check with your Extension office. *For example:* spaghetti squash, head lettuce, etc.

Poster Options

-Make a poster of five commonly found diseases in vegetable gardens, the damage caused by each, and the control options for each.

-Make a poster of five commonly found vegetable garden insects: beneficial (good guys) and/or injurious (bad guys), benefits or damage caused by each, and the related management practices (how to keep the beneficial, and how to control the injurious insects).

-Make a poster of a maximum of 10 pests (diseases, insects, weeds, and/or rodents) you found in your garden this year, damage caused, control measures used, and results.

-Make a poster explaining a computer garden program or mobile application.

-Make a poster showing a picture story of what you did in your garden this year. Example: how you planned, planted, and maintained your garden.

-Make a poster showing your financial record.

-Make a poster of pictures showing your experiences in hydroponics.

-Make a poster explaining various career options working with vegetables/herbs.

-Make a poster explaining types of pollinators and their importance in vegetable and fruit production.

-Make a poster that shows the different types of plant parts that are consumed by humans. Be sure to identify the fruit or vegetable and categorize it by root, stem, leaf, or flower.

-Make a poster that shows different storage methods for vegetables.

-Make a poster showing how to create a raised bed OR container vegetable garden.

-Make a poster discussing how herbs listed on the last page of 4-H Garden Publication 4-H 970-W are used and have been used throughout history. Be sure to include both culinary and medicinal uses as well as other unique uses, if any.

Resources

4-H Garden Publication 4-H 970-W

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