

Vegetable Show Classes

Any named variety is acceptable.

Please include variety names on entry form. This aids the judging process and enables us to answer questions from fairgoers during the fair.

Section VEG

Class number and description

1. Beans, snap – bush or pole, any color – 10 pods constitute one exhibit
2. Beets – 3 roots, tops trimmed to 1"
3. Cabbage – 1 head including outer leaves
4. Carrots – 3 roots, tops trimmed to 1"
5. Swiss Chard – 5 leaves, see rule # 17
6. Sweet Corn – 3 ears, with window approximately 1" x 1 ½ " cut through husk so that kernels are visible
7. Cucumber, slicing – 3 specimens
8. Cucumbers, pickles – 8 specimens
9. Eggplant – 1 specimen
10. Kale – 5 leaves, see rule # 17
11. Onions – 3 bulbs, not peeled, tops trimmed to 1"
12. Peppers, sweet, any color – 3 specimens
13. Peppers, hot, any color – 3 specimens
14. Peppers, frying, any color – 3 specimens
15. Pumpkin – 1 specimen
16. Potatoes, any color – 3 specimens – **Featured Vegetable**
17. Shallots – 3 bulbs or 3 clusters, not peeled, tops trimmed to 1"
18. Summer Squash, pattypan or scallop – 1 specimen
19. Summer Squash, yellow, straightneck or crookneck – 1 specimen
20. Summer Squash, zucchini – 1 specimen
21. Winter Squash (includes acorn, buttercup, butternut, hubbard, spaghetti) – 1 specimen
22. Sunflower – 1 mature seed head, minimum 8" diameter petal to petal, cut from stem, **not** in water
23. Tomatoes, standard round varieties– 3 specimens, see rule # 18
24. Tomatoes, beefsteak type – 3 specimens, see rule # 18
25. Tomatoes, cherry – 3 clusters, see rule #18
26. Tomatoes, plum – 3 clusters, see rule #18
27. Gourds – 2 specimens
28. Heirloom Vegetables – number of specimens required to correspond to above classes, see rules # 22 & 23.

29. Heirloom Tomatoes, any type – 3 clusters of cherry or plum varieties, 3 specimens of other types, see rules 18, 22 & 23.
30. Other – any named variety with the exception of herbs, for which no class is listed, see rule # 23
31. Most Unusual – show off a vegetable oddity and give it a creative name or caption on which to be judged.

Section CHI – Children's Division

Entry is open to children through the age of 13.

Class number with description

1. Beans – 10 pods
2. Cucumbers – 3 specimens
3. Pumpkin – 1 specimen
4. Tomatoes – 3 specimens
5. Cherry Tomatoes – 3 clusters
6. Squash – 1 specimen
7. Peppers, any – 3 specimens
8. Veggie Sculpture – let your imagination grow wild and construct a sculpture using all vegetable components - must contain at least 3 different vegetables. For this class only, vegetables do not have to be homegrown. Fruit may not be used in the sculpture. **Exhibit is to be the work of the child entering.** Veggie Sculptures are not to exceed 12" x 12"
- 8a. Open to children up to age 8
- 8b. Open to children ages 8 - 13

Section GAR – Garlic

Please note: The outermost layer of garlic bulbs may be removed, but the bulb is not to be peeled to the extent that individual cloves are either distinguishable or exposed.

Class number and description

1. Garlic, soft-necked varieties – 3 bulbs, tops trimmed to 2". Please see note above.
2. Garlic, hard-necked varieties - 3 bulbs, tops trimmed to 2". Please see note above.

Section HER – Culinary Herbs

Three stems constitute one exhibit unless specified otherwise. Herbs are to be a maximum of 12" in height. Please see rules # 17, 20, and 21.

Class number with description

1. Basil, sweet green
2. Bergamot (Bee Balm)
3. Catnip
4. Chives – 1 bunch
5. Dill – 3 seed heads
6. French Tarragon
7. Lavender
8. Lemon Balm
9. Marjoram
10. Mint
11. Oregano
12. Parsley, curly leaf
13. Parsley, flat leaf
14. Rosemary
15. Sage
16. Thyme
17. Other – any culinary herb for which no class is listed, up to 5 entries per exhibitor

Premiums for Vegetable, Garlic, Culinary Herb, and Children's Divisions

Excellent: \$3.00 and blue ribbon
Very Good: \$2.00 and red ribbon
Good: \$1.00 and yellow ribbon
Best of Show: additional \$1.00 and rosette
Grand Champion Exhibitor: \$15.00 and rosette
Section VEG only: Beverly Post Memorial Award - \$10.00 and rosette for each of the five exhibitors receiving the most excellents.

Section BAS – Basket Division

Class number with description

1. **Market Basket** – 7 or more kinds of vegetables, not less than 3 specimens each, attractively displayed in a basket (no peach or apple baskets) with no accessories or inedibles. Label, or provide list of varieties included.
2. **Herb Garden** – exhibitor's choice of culinary herbs, labeled; must be planted in a terra cotta strawberry jar, any size.

3. **Children's Theme Basket** – 3 specimens each of 5 different vegetables, attractively displayed in a basket. Accessories in relation the theme are expected. This year's theme: **"Eat Your Veggies."** Basket may include vegetables other than those listed for the children's classes.
4. **Jersey Fresh Tomato Collection** – 3 specimens each of 5 different varieties of tomatoes, attractively displayed in a basket. No accessories. Each variety must be labeled. Small varieties, such as cherry tomatoes, should be on stem. **Open only to New Jersey residents. If grown on plants purchased as seedlings, plants must have been purchased in New Jersey.**
5. **Featured Vegetable Collection**
5 different varieties of the featured vegetable, labeled and attractively displayed. **This year's featured vegetable: potatoes** – 3 specimens of each variety. Basket will be provided.
6. **Professional Market Basket** - 7 or more kinds of vegetables, not less than 3 specimens each, attractively displayed in a basket (no peach or apple baskets) with no accessories or inedibles. Label, or provide list of varieties included. Farm information may be included but must be covered up for judging.

Premiums for Basket Division

Excellent: \$20.00 and blue ribbon
Very Good: \$15.00 and red ribbon
Good: \$10.00 and yellow ribbon
Grand Champion: \$15.00 and rosette

Section CRO - Scarecrow Contest

Rules and Information

1. Entries for this contest **must** be pre-registered and must be received by **July 15**.
2. There will be an entry fee of \$3.00 per scarecrow. Entry fee must be included with the entry form. Make checks payable to New Jersey State Fair, Agriculture Division.
3. Scarecrows are to be accessorized to illustrate the theme: **“Out of this World.”** Dress your scarecrow as a character found in outer space.
4. Scarecrows will be constructed at the greenhouse at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, August 1 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM** and will be judged Sunday, August 2.
5. Scarecrows will remain on display through Sunday, August 9. Premiums, ribbons, and scarecrows may be claimed on **Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 PM**.
6. Entrants in Class # 1, 5 – 12 year – olds, may have one adult helper.
7. A wooden stake and straw for stuffing will be provided for each scarecrow. The exhibitor must provide clothing and all other accessories.
8. Scarecrows will be judged for both quality of construction and use of the theme.
9. Scarecrows will be eligible for People’s Choice Scarecrow award.

Class number and description

1. Open to children ages five through twelve.
2. Open to family or group of any age. Indicate on entry form how many people are in group.

Premiums

- 1st place: \$20.00 and blue rosette
2nd place: \$15.00 and red rosette
3rd place: \$10.00 and yellow rosette
Honorable Mention: white rosette

Section ZUC

Great New Jersey Zucchini Contest

Largest zucchini by weight

Rules

1. Entry is open to anyone who wishes to participate.
2. Zucchini must be grown by exhibitor.
3. Zucchini must be presented for entry at the greenhouse on **Sunday, August 2 no later than 4:30 p.m.** Judging will take place at 5:00 p.m.
4. Zucchini will remain on display through Sunday, August 9. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed on **Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 PM**.
5. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will each receive a rosette.