

**Open Vegetable Show**  
Sponsored by St. Clare's Hospital

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Exhibits will be on display Saturday, August 1 –  
Sunday, August 9, in the Greenhouse.

**Rules and Information**

1. Entry is open to all who wish to exhibit.
2. All exhibitors are encouraged to pre-register their entries. **Each** exhibitor must enter on his or her own entry form.
3. An entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged each exhibitor entering sections VEG, HER, GAR, BAS, and ZUC. There is no entry fee for section CHI or class # 3 in section BAS. The entry fee for section CRO is \$3.00. If entering more than one section, only one entry fee will be charged. Please enclose fee with entry form. Entry will not be processed without entry fee. Make checks payable to New Jersey State Fair, Agriculture Division. These fees apply to entries received by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. Entry forms must be **received by July 15** to be eligible to receive passes. **After June 30<sup>th</sup> the entry fee will be \$4.00** and you will be responsible for your own admittance into the fairgrounds. Each exhibitor will receive one gate pass. We cannot provide passes for guests.
5. Entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds at the greenhouse near Gate # 1 on **Friday, July 31 from 4:00PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday, August 1 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. NO exhibits will be accepted after 11:00 AM on Saturday.** *Please indicate on entry form which day you are planning to bring your exhibits.*
6. Judging will take place on Saturday, August 1 beginning at 12:00 noon.
7. The show area will be closed to both exhibitors and the public during take-in and judging and will reopen as soon as possible following conclusion of judging. Vegetable Show officials **ONLY** will be allowed in show area during take-in and judging.
8. Exhibitors will prepare their entries and place them on the qualifying table. Show officials will place qualified entries on the show table.
9. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
10. Ribbons, premiums, and exhibits may be picked up from **5:00 – 7:00 PM on Sunday, August 9.** Unclaimed premiums will revert to the New Jersey State Fair, unless prior arrangements are made for delivery of premiums. **Removal of exhibits prior to the specified time will result in forfeit of premiums.**
11. Produce unclaimed as of 7:00 PM on Sunday, August 9, if still in useable condition, will be donated to the Salvation Army food pantry.
12. All exhibits must be grown and selected by exhibitor.
13. Entries not meeting the criteria as set forth in the rules **will be disqualified** and will not be judged.
14. An exhibitor may make more than one entry in a class as long as each entry is a different variety. If entering more than one variety in a class, the variety names must be listed on the entry form.
15. All specimens displayed must be wiped clean but **not washed.** Onions and garlic are not to be peeled.
16. Vegetables should be of uniform size, shape, and maturity and be free of blemishes, and **MUST BE** in the number specified for each class. Greater or lesser numbers of specimens will result in disqualification.
17. Leafy vegetables and herbs must be displayed in a **glass container** with water. Bottles will be provided.
18. Cherry and plum tomatoes must be in clusters on stem, at least 3 in a cluster. All other tomatoes must have stem. Green tomatoes are acceptable.
19. Tops of root crops must be trimmed to approximately 1 inch, with the exception of garlic, which must be trimmed to approximately 2 inches.
20. Herbs are to be a maximum of **12 inches in height.**
21. The committee reserves the right to reject non-culinary herbs.
22. The committee defines heirloom varieties as those meeting the following criteria: a named variety that is open pollinated (non-hybrid) possessing a history of its own and having been in existence for at least 50 years.
23. The miscellaneous and heirloom classes may be subdivided if warranted by number of entries of any one type of vegetable.
24. Best of Show designation will be given only to exhibits having been judged excellent regardless of number of entries in the class.
25. Specimens showing signs of deterioration through the course of the week will be discarded at the discretion of the committee.