

Open Vegetable Show
Sponsored by St. Clare's Hospital

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Exhibits will be on display Saturday, August 7 –
Sunday, August 15, 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. Please refer to the entry fee schedule listed before class sections and include the appropriate fee with your entry form. Entry will not be processed without entry fee. Make checks payable to New Jersey State Fair, Agriculture Division. There is no entry fee for section CHI or class # 3 in section BAS.
4. Entry forms must be **received by July 15** to be eligible to receive passes. **After July 15 the entry fee will be doubled** 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, August 6 from 4:00PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday, August 7 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 7 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 15.** 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 15, 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. In order to be designated as Best of Show an exhibit must have 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.

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.

Entry fees will be charged as follows for sections VEG, HER, GAR, and BAS:

1-10 entries: \$2.00

11-25 entries: \$3.00

26-50 entries: \$5.00

51-75 entries: \$7.00

76-100 entries: \$9.00

100 or more entries: \$10.00

Section VEG – Vegetables

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
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 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

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 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. and 9. 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"
8. Open to children up to age 8
9. Open to children ages 8 - 13

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 – Baskets

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: **“Fun at the Fair.”** 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: Cucumbers** – 3 specimens of each variety of slicing cucumbers and/or 8 specimens each variety of pickles. 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 ZUC

Great New Jersey Zucchini Contest Sponsored by the Phillips Family Largest zucchini by weight

Rules

1. Entry is open to anyone who wishes to participate.
2. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.
3. There will be an entry fee of \$2.00 per exhibitor.
4. Zucchini must be grown by exhibitor.
5. Zucchini must be presented for entry at the greenhouse on **Sunday, August 8 no later than 4:30 p.m.** Because zucchini lose weight through moisture evaporation after they are picked, it is not advisable to bring entries before Sunday.
6. Weighing will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 8.
7. Zucchini will remain on display through Sunday, August 15. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed on **Sunday, August 15 at 5:00 PM and are not to be removed prior to this time.**

Premiums

The top five heaviest zucchini: \$20.00

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 dressed and accessorized to illustrate the theme: **“Queen of the Fair.”**

4. Scarecrows will be constructed at the greenhouse at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, August 7 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM** and will be judged Sunday, August 8.
5. Scarecrows will remain on display through Sunday, August 15. Premiums, ribbons, and scarecrows may be claimed on **Sunday, August 15 at 5:00 PM** and must be claimed by 7:00 PM or scarecrows will be dismantled and premium will be forfeited unless prior arrangements are made for delivery of premiums.
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 rosette. Voting for People’s Choice will begin following judging on August 8 and will continue through Friday, August 13. People’s Choice rosette will be awarded Saturday, August 14.

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