

2007 Ohio State Fair

DIVISION 21

Vegetables and Fruits

1. Open to all Ohio amateur gardeners. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor. Entry deadline is June 20, 2007. Use the official Ohio State Fair Agriculture entry form and mail to the Ohio State Fair. **All 2007 Agriculture – Horticulture – Floriculture general rules and regulations will apply.**
2. Each exhibitor will be given a Gate 7 load/unload permit. This permit will allow you to enter the fairgrounds to load/unload. If you park in the designated area you will be charged the \$5 fee indicated on the second part of your pass. Each exhibitor, however, will need admission passes. You may purchase exhibitor passes and additional parking passes on your entry form.
3. In addition to the official entry tag, each item must be identified with common name and variety/cultivar. The exhibitor must furnish all items, materials, and accessories. Ohio State Fair will not be responsible for the loss of any material(s). **Each item must be in or on a container.**
4. Judging criteria: Quality and type of produce displayed with an emphasis on originality and artistic component of exhibit and consumer educational features. Produce must be trimmed for market.
5. Each exhibitor should take note that the exhibit is designed to be displayed for several days. Please select produce that will hold up to travel, heat and humidity. No refrigeration is available in the Agriculture/Horticulture building. For example, bramble fruits (raspberry, blackberry, etc.) peaches, etc. do not hold well. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to remove any item(s) that become unwholesome and detract from the exhibit.
6. Produce must be trimmed for market.

SECTION 2101 BACKYARD VEGETABLES/FRUIT

Exhibits will be staged 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., August 1. Exhibits will be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 6.

Five premiums are available in each class. First - \$30, Second - \$25, Third - \$18, fourth - \$15, and Fifth - \$10.

CLASS

1. Best exhibit of one type of fruit or vegetable. Any vegetable/fruit except tomatoes is acceptable. Must include at least three varieties of the same vegetable. Creatively display vegetables/fruits in basket(s), on plates, etc. Total exhibit area must not exceed 18-inches x 18-inches.
2. Best exhibit of tomatoes. Must include at least three varieties of tomatoes. Creatively display tomatoes in basket(s), on plates, etc. Total exhibit area must not exceed 18-inches x 18-inches.
3. Best backyard vegetable exhibit. Must include at least four different types of vegetables and/or fruits. Creatively display vegetables/fruits in basket(s), on plates, etc. Total exhibit area must not exceed 20-inches x 20-inches.
4. Potted vegetables/fruits. Display of three potted (patio) vegetables and or fruits. Any variety, maximum 12-inch pots. Pots must have water-catching trays. Pots and plants should be clean, groomed and ready for exhibition.
5. Best in Show - Rosette

SECTION 2102

LARGEST AND SPECIALITY EXHIBITS

Exhibits to be staged 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., August 7, 2007. All entries will be released on Sunday, August 12, between the hours of 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Judging criteria: Largest exhibits - Size (weight) and quality. Odd Natural Growth - most unusual shape and quality. Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to remove exhibits that are unwholesome or not in good taste.

Five premiums are available in each class. First - \$25, Second - \$17, Third - \$10, fourth - \$5, and Fifth - \$3. Each class winner will receive a banner courtesy of the Ohio State Fair.

CLASS

- 1 - Largest and Best Watermelon
- 2 - Largest and Best Cabbage
- 3 - Largest and Best Pumpkin
- 4 - Largest and Best Squash (not zucchini)
- 5 - Largest and Best Tomato
- 6 - Largest and Best Zucchini Squash
- 7 - Largest and Best Carrot
- 8 - Largest and Best Cucumber
- 9 - Largest and Best Onion
- 10- Largest and Best Potato
- 11- Longest and Best Green Bean
- 12- Largest and best Sunflower Head
- 13- Odd and Natural Growth, must be naturally occurring
- 14- Engraved Hubbard Squash. Must feature the Ohio State Fair, but does not necessarily imply that "Ohio State Fair" must be engraved on the squash. Design must be done with pin or needle when squash is small. Judging criteria: creativity, originality, and quality.

SECTION 2103

GARDEN DISPLAY TABLES

An excellent opportunity to showcase your garden and what grows best. Designed for a neighborhood or group of friends or community gardens. Share the visual bounty of your garden(s).

In addition to 2007 Ohio State Fair Agriculture and Horticulture general rules and regulations, and general fruit and vegetable rules, the following rules apply to all classes:

1. The exhibit must include produce, fruit and/or flowers grown by the individual or groups of individuals.
2. All produce, fruit and/or flowers must be named with at least common variety name.
3. Each exhibit will be staged on a 8-foot standard display table (28" wide). No material can exceed more than 5-feet from the surface of the table in height. No material shall be placed on the ground. Other items may be used to stage the produce, fruit and/or flowers. These items should add to the beauty and integrity of the exhibit and not cause distraction. Other items may include, but not limited to vases, bowls, baskets, tablecloths, risers, etc. Photographs, garden implements, etc., are permitted to accent the exhibit. The Ohio State Fair management will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management will not assume responsibility for any injury or loss.
4. Judging criteria: The goal is to provide for a diverse, quality exhibit that is educational and showcases the bounty and beauty of your garden. Judges will consider quality and type of material displayed with an emphasis on originality and artistic component of exhibit and consumer educational features.
5. Each exhibitor should take note that the exhibit is designed to be displayed for twelve days. Please select produce that will hold up to travel, heat and humidity. Arrangements should be made to replace produce and/or flowers so that they remain fresh and in top exhibit condition. Appropriate entry passes and parking credentials will be provided to accommodate replacements. No replacements, adjustments, or altering of the exhibit is permitted the day of judging. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to remove any items that become unwholesome, detract from the exhibit, appear spoiled, diseased, and/or infested with pests.

To be staged Wednesday, August 1 from 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. The exhibit must be removed Sunday, August 12, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Four premiums are available in each class. First - \$400, Second - \$300, Third - \$200, and fourth - \$100. Class winner will receive a banner courtesy of the Ohio State Fair.

CLASS

1 – Garden Display Table.