FLORICULTURE
Each county may submit 3 entries total from 50192, 50193, 50194, 50195, 50196; and 1 entry from 50198.

50192 Floriculture A: Exhibit one of the following options:
• Create a flower arrangement; either a round arrangement or a bud vase. No silk flowers are permitted; OR
• Create a photo collage or a collection of pictures of flowers that you have raised. Label your flowers by name and tell if you started with a seed, cutting or transplants. Mount pictures on a poster board; OR
• Exhibit in one container, 3 stems of blooms - each with attached foliage. Foliage that would go inside the container may be removed. All three blooms or stems should be the same variety, color, shape and size and must have been grown from seed, young seedling plants, bulbs or rhizomes by the exhibitor. (NOTE: Exhibitors choosing lilies should include no more than 2/3 of foliage for their exhibit.)

50193 Floriculture B: Exhibit one of the following options:
• Create an artistic display of dried flowers explaining how each was dried; OR
• Create a photo collage or collection of pictures of plants from your theme garden. Label your plants by name and explain how the plants were chosen to fit the theme.

50194 Floriculture C: Exhibit one of the following options:
• Create a terrarium or dish garden. Plants for either choice should have been started by the exhibitor from cuttings or seeds or as purchased plugs. The terrarium must be cared for by the exhibitor for at least 5 months and be able to explain the different plant, soil, and environmental needs and watering requirements of a closed system; OR
• Exhibit a plant that you propagated from cuttings, layering or division or started from seed. Create a photo board showing the progression of growth. Tips for vegetative propagation of houseplants can be found at University of Illinois Extension houseplants, http://urbanext.illinois.edu/houseplants/default.cfm.

50195 Floriculture D: Exhibit one of the following options:
• Create a centerpiece around a theme such as a wedding, holiday, birthday, etc. No silk flowers are permitted; OR
• Create an exhibit of forced bulbs in a pot.

50196 Floriculture Display: (Open to youth enrolled in Floriculture A, Floriculture B, Floriculture C, and Floriculture D)
Present an exhibit of the member’s choice that focuses on some aspect of floriculture which does not fit in the categories above. The exhibit may include, but isn’t limited to, original works, objects, demonstrations, digital presentations, programs, websites, games, apps, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you’ve learned. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period.

50198 Floriculture Ready4Life Challenge: (Open to 11- to 18-year-olds enrolled in any Floriculture project)
Exhibits in this category must include the following: a) a physical representation of the career or business product such as a model, prototype or display/portfolio that includes images of accomplished work; b) verbal or written explanations that demonstrate knowledge of the related career or business fields, potential careers, and the appropriate requirements for achievement in those fields. The judging criteria for this class values thoroughness of career and/or business exploration and pursuit above the workmanship of the physical specimen on display.