VEGETABLE GARDENING

Each county may submit 3 entries total for 50314, 50315, 50316; and 1 entry for 50318.

All vegetables exhibited must have been grown by the exhibitor as part of their current gardening 4-H project. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about various aspects of the vegetables, including but not limited to different varieties, soil testing, fertilizers used, etc. Vegetable exhibits should be prepared according to the Illinois Vegetable Garden Guide website: [http://web.extension.illinois.edu/vegguide/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/vegguide/). Waxes and oils may not be used on vegetables or fruits. Any plant infested with insects will be removed from the exhibit area and will not be eligible for a Superior exhibit.

50314 Vegetable Display (Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, and Vegetable Gardening D)

1. This class is allowed a 2’6” x 2’6” space for display.
2. Display must include 6 or more different kinds of vegetables. There may not be more than 2 different varieties of any vegetable. For example, red and white potatoes would be classified as two different varieties. Acorn squash and zucchini would be classified as two different vegetables.
3. The number and type of vegetables used must conform to the Vegetable Plate/Display List.
4. Exhibitors must provide the name and variety of all vegetables used (i.e. Cabbage – Golden Acre; Cucumber, slicing – Straight Eight; Tomatoes, slicing – Rocky Top; Snap Beans – Contender, etc.).

50315 Vegetable Plate (Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, and Vegetable Gardening D)

1. Exhibit must include 2 single vegetable plates. (Exhibitor will furnish the disposable plates.)
2. Number of vegetables on plates must conform to plate list below.
3. Only one variety on each plate.
4. An exhibitor cannot show two plates of the same type vegetable. (i.e.: Cannot exhibit red and white potatoes or zucchini and straightneck summer squash.)

VEGETABLE PLATE/DISPLAY LIST

When selecting vegetables for exhibition, keep in mind that the judge will evaluate them on the basis of cleanliness, uniformity, condition, quality, and trueness to variety. *(Lists are provided by UI Extension Horticulturists; Items are listed according to the correct definition of vegetables)*

Asparagus (5 spears)
Beans, Lima (12 pods)
Beets (5)
Broccoli (1 head)
Brussels Sprouts (12 sprouts)
Cabbage (1 head)
Cauliflower (1 head)
Carrots (5)
Cucumber, pickling or slicing (5)
Eggplant (1)
Garlic (5)
Kohlrabi (5)
Lettuce (1 head or plant)
Muskmelon incl. cantaloupe (1)
Okra (12)
Onions, large, dry (5)
Onions, green or set (12)
Parsnips (5)
Peas, (12 pods)
Peppers, large fruited (bell/banana) (5)
Peppers, small fruited (chili/cherry) (12)
Popcorn (5)
Potatoes (any variety) (5)
Pumpkin (1)
Rhubarb, trimmed stalks (3)
Rutabaga (5)
Salsify (5)
Squash, summer (any variety) (3)
Sweet Corn, in husks (5)
Tomatoes, slicing (5)
Tomatoes, small fruited (12)
Turnip (5)
Watermelon (1)
Squash, winter (Acorn, butternut, buttercup, spaghetti, Hubbard, Turks’s Turban) (1)
Beans, Snap, Green Pod or Golden Wax (12 pods)
Greens (collard, endive, escarole, kale, mustard, spinach, Swiss chard) (1 plant)
Horseradish Root (1 marketable root specimen harvested this year)
50316 Vegetable Gardening Display: (Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, Vegetable Gardening D) Present an exhibit of the member’s choice that focuses on some aspect of vegetable gardening 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.

50318 Vegetable Gardening Ready4Life Challenge: (Open to 11- to 18-year-olds enrolled in any Vegetable Gardening 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.