

# Dept # 82 - Open Vegetable Show

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Exhibits will be on display Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Greenhouse.

## Rules and Information

1. Entry is open to all who wish to exhibit.
2. All exhibitors are encouraged to preregister 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 (Children's) or the Children's Basket class (Children's "Creative Container" Garden).
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. **Daily passes will not be issued to individuals who already possess a weekly pass.**
5. Entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds at the greenhouse near Gate # 1 on **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. NO exhibits will be accepted after 11:00 am on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>.** *Please indicate on entry form which day you are planning to bring your exhibits.*
6. **Judging will take place on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>\*\*\* early in the morning. (\*\*\*)new this year**
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. Only Vegetable Show officials 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 tables.
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 13<sup>th</sup>**. Unclaimed premiums will revert to the New Jersey State Fair, unless prior arrangements are made for delivery of premiums. **\*Please check the box  on the entry form if you do or do not wish ribbons. If left unchecked, no ribbons will be issued. Removal of exhibits prior to the specified time will result in forfeit of premiums.**
11. Produce unclaimed as of 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, if still in useable condition, will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. **\*Please check the box  on your entry form if you will or will not pick up your exhibits on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 – 6:00 pm. If left unchecked, the committee members will place the exhibits in the Salvation Army Donation boxes starting at 5:00 pm on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>.**
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 provided 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, shallots 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/jars 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 attached. Green tomatoes are acceptable.
19. Tops of root crops must be trimmed to approximately 1 inch, except for garlic, which must be trimmed to approximately 2 inches.
20. The committee defines heirloom varieties as those meeting the following criteria: a named variety that is open pollinated (nonhybrid), possessing a history of its own and having been in existence for at least 50 years.
21. The miscellaneous and heirloom classes may be subdivided if warranted by number of entries of any one type of vegetable.
22. To be designated as Best of Show an exhibit must have been judged excellent regardless of number of entries in the class.
23. Specimens showing signs of deterioration through the course of the week will be discarded at the discretion of the committee.

## OPEN VEGETABLE SHOW SECTIONS & 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 Fee Table for VEG, HER, GAR, BAS	
1 entry only (if additional entries are added later, the fee schedule below will apply)	\$ 3.00
2 - 20 entries	\$ 5.00
21 - 40 entries	\$ 10.00
41 - 60 entries:	\$ 15.00
61 or more entries:	\$ 20.00

### **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 approximately 1"
3. Cabbage – 1 head including outer leaves
4. Carrots – 3 roots, tops trimmed to approximately 1"
5. Swiss Chard – 5 leaves, see rule # 17
6. Sweet Corn – 3 ears, with husk 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 approximately 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 approximately 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 # 20 & 21.
29. Heirloom Tomatoes, any type – 3 clusters of cherry or plum varieties, 3 specimens of other types, see rules 18, 20 & 21.
30. Other – any named variety except for herbs, for which no class is listed, this includes your homegrown fruit (all types of berries, grapes, peaches, pears, apples) Apples, Pears or Peaches (3 specimens); All Berries (10 specimens) and (1) Grape Cluster.
31. Most Unusual – show off a vegetable oddity and give it a creative name or caption on which to be judged.
32. Show us your **GIANTS** – *Think you grow the biggest produce on the block – then show it off!!*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giant Tomato</li> <li>• Giant Pepper</li> <li>• Giant Cucumber</li> <li>• Giant Cabbage</li> <li>• Giant Onion</li> <li>• Giant Potato</li> <li>• Giant Eggplant</li> </ul>	<p>1 specimen is considered an entry – you may enter one specimen in any or all of these subcategories</p> <p><b>All entries in this class will judged on <u>weight</u> NOT size</b></p>
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## **Section HER – Culinary Herbs**

*The following rules pertain specifically to the herb classes:*

- Must be in a clean glass jar with no accessories. Bottles/Jars are provided.
- Three stems constitute one exhibit unless specified otherwise.
- Herbs are to be a **minimum of 3”** and a **maximum of 12”** in height.
- There should be **no open flowers** on your herb entries; **flower buds are ok**;  
**\*\*Exceptions: bergamot, dill, and lavender may have open flowers on your entries.**
- Display in a glass container of water with leaves removed below the water line to prevent rotting.
- Herbs will be deemed culinary or not culinary at the judge’s discretion. Any disputes will be referred to online herb references available. If any reference notes “that the variety is not a culinary herb”, the entry will be disqualified

### **Class number with description**

1. Basil, sweet green
2. Basil, any other
3. Bergamot (Bee Balm)\*\*
4. Catnip (Nepeta cataria, **no Catmint** aka flowering nepetas)
5. Chives – 8 – 12 stems
6. Dill – 3 seed heads\*\*
7. French Tarragon
8. Lavender\*\*
9. Lemon Balm
10. Marjoram or Oregano
11. Mint, green spicata types
12. Mint, other types (piperita, suaveolens etc.)
13. Parsley, curly leaf
14. Parsley, flat leaf
15. Rosemary
16. Sage – perennial (no Russian Sage)
17. Sage - tropical
18. Thyme – 8 – 12 stems
19. Other Culinary Herb – any culinary herb for which no class is listed, **up to 5 entries per exhibitor. No strictly medicinal or poisonous herbs.**
20. Herb Bouquets - bouquet consisting of 3-5 culinary varieties listed above and no taller than 15”. All herbs in this class may be flowering. Each variety should be an exhibit of 3 stems or as listed above. Jars will be provided.
21. “Foot” Garden – a single shoe or boot planted with a combination of any culinary herbs listed above. The herbs must be rooted.

## **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 or Plum Tomatoes – 3 clusters (see rule # 18)
6. Squash, any – 1 specimen
7. Peppers, any – 3 specimens
8. Veggie Sculpture – let your imagination grow wild and construct a sculpture using all vegetable components must contain at least 3 different vegetables. So, get your creative hat on; Make a sculpture with potatoes, carrots, peppers, tomatoes, green beans, onions, eggplant, garlic, cucumbers, or any other vegetable, fruit or herb needed to complete your veggie creature. **All Exhibits are to be the work of the child entering and assembled at home and brought into the fair on Friday, August 4th (4pm to 8pm) or Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> (8am to 11am)**
  - 8a. Open to children up to age 6
  - 8b. Open to children ages 7 – 13
9. Children’s Herb Garden - **Open to all children 13 and Under** - 3 or more varieties of Culinary Herbs in a Strawberry Pot (*No Plastic Pots Allowed*)

## Section GAR – Garlic

- 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.
- Roots should not be trimmed to less than ½”

### **Class number and description**

1. Garlic, softneck varieties - 3 bulbs, tops trimmed to approximately 2”. Please see note above.
2. Garlic, hardneck varieties - 3 bulbs, tops trimmed to approximately 2”. Please see note above.

**Garlic will be displayed in a secured area to avoid problems with “missing” garlic during the show.**

<b>Premiums for Vegetable – Herb – Garlic &amp; Children Sections</b>	
Excellent	\$3.00 & blue ribbon
Very Good	\$2.00 & red ribbon
Good	\$1.00 & yellow ribbon
Best in Show	Additional \$1.00 & rosette
Grand Champion Exhibitor	\$15.00 & rosette
Beverly Post Memorial Award	VEG Section only - \$10.00 & rosette to top five exhibitors receiving the most excellents

## Section BAS – Baskets

### **Class number with description**

1. **Small Herb Garden – 5 varieties or less** of culinary herbs labeled; The herbs must be rooted in a Strawberry Pot i.e. possess “root integrity”. Inclusion of nonculinary herbs will be cause for disqualification. Pot Size and number of pockets at exhibitor’s discretion, but more than 5 varieties will move you to the Large Herb Garden class. No Plastic Pots.

*Note: Herbs will be deemed culinary or not culinary at the judge’s discretion. Any disputes will be referred to online herb references available. If any reference notes “that the variety is not a culinary herb”, the entry will be disqualified*

2. **Large Herb Garden – 6 or more varieties** of culinary herbs labeled; The herbs must be rooted in a Strawberry Pot i.e. possess “root integrity”. Inclusion of nonculinary herbs will be cause for disqualification. Pot Size and number of pockets at exhibitor’s discretion. No Plastic Pots

*Note: Herbs will be deemed culinary or not culinary at the judge’s discretion. Any disputes will be referred to online herb references available. If any reference notes “that the variety is not a culinary herb”, the entry will be disqualified*

3. **Children’s “Creative Container” Small Space Theme Garden – 3 or more edible vegetable varieties and/or herbs.** Minimum of 3 varieties **This year’s theme: “Kids in the Garden”. Decoration & frills are allowed.** We want to see **unusual containers** for this class. Think outside of the box; such as don’t use terracotta pots, barrels or boxes). Must be able to be carried by an adult or child.

4. **What’s for Dinner Basket** –Fresh from the garden to your plate with at least 5 or more different varieties of vegetables, **labeled and attractively displayed** in a basket – 3 specimens of each variety (except large vegetables such as cabbage and eggplant or melon etc. 1 specimen is acceptable). Showing us what’s fresh from the garden tonight, your choice of what is bountiful in the garden and ready for dinner.

5. **“Creative Container” Small Space Garden:** Show us your creative side by entering a garden planted in a “creative” container. Garden should contain 3 or more edible Vegetable varieties and/ or Herbs. A minimum of 3 varieties must be included (must be able to carry container yourself). We want to see **unusual containers** for this class. Think outside of the box; such as don’t use terracotta pots, barrels or boxes that would be typical for planting flowers or veggies).

<b>Premiums for Basket Section</b>	
Excellent	\$20.00 & blue ribbon
Very Good	\$15.00 & red ribbon
Good	\$10.00 & yellow ribbon
Grand Champion Exhibitor	\$15.00 & rosette

## **Section CRO - Scarecrow Contest**

### ***Rules and Information***

1. The Scarecrow Contest is open to families and organized groups.
2. Entries for this contest **must** be preregistered and must be received by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**.
3. There will be an **entry fee of \$5.00 per scarecrow**. Entry fee must be included with the entry form. Make checks payable to New Jersey State Fair, Agriculture Division.
4. Scarecrows are to be dressed and accessorized to illustrate the theme listed below.
5. Scarecrows will be constructed at the greenhouse at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm \* new time this year** and will be judged Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. Scarecrows will remain on display through Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Premiums, ribbons, and scarecrows may be claimed on **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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.
7. A wooden stake and straw for both stuffing and support of the stake will be provided for each scarecrow. The exhibitor must provide clothing and all other accessories. The use of props and/or accessories to carry out the theme is encouraged.
8. Scarecrows will be judged for both quality of construction and use of the theme.
9. All Scarecrows will be eligible for the **People's Choice Scarecrow rosette**. Voting for People's Choice will begin following judging on August 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. People's Choice rosette will be awarded Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**This year's theme is: "Your Favorite Disney Character"**

<b>Premiums for Scarecrow Contest</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$20.00 & blue rosette
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$15.00 & red rosette
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00 & yellow rosette
Honorable Mention	White 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. Preregistration is encouraged but not required.
3. There will be an entry fee of **\$3.00 per zucchini**
4. Zucchini must be grown by exhibitor.
5. Zucchini must be presented for entry at the greenhouse on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm **or** Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Because zucchini lose weight through moisture evaporation after they are picked, it is not advisable to bring entries on Friday.
6. Weighing will take place early the morning of Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> either just prior to or after judging is completed for the other sections of the Open Vegetable Show.
7. Zucchini are to remain on display through Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed on **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and are not to be removed prior to this time or the premium will be forfeited.**

<b>Premiums for Great NJ Zucchini Contest</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place by weight	\$20.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place by weight	\$15.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place by weight	\$10.00
All others	Participation ribbon

## 2017 Vegetable Show Events in the greenhouse

<b>Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Contest</b>	Vote for your favorite Scarecrow for the People's Choice Award.
<b>Tuesday – August 8<sup>th</sup> Children's Day</b>	Get to Know your Veggies. Come to the Greenhouse to taste fresh vegetables and learn about all the unique vegetables you can grow.
<b>All week long</b>	WHILE SUPPLIES LAST: Vegetable and Herb transplants will be given out Daily.

### VEGETABLE EXHIBITING GUIDE

When evaluating your vegetable exhibit at the fair, the judge will consider the following elements: quality, condition, uniformity, trueness to type, and conformity to rules. It is good to keep this in mind when selecting your exhibits.

#### Quality

Vegetables should be at peak market or table maturity. Choose specimens you would select for eating rather than the largest ones in your garden. The vegetable show is not a size contest, nor do you want to choose specimens that are too immature or overripe. One exception to this rule is tomatoes, which are perfectly fine to enter when they are green. Most herbs are past peak when they have flowered, so it is better to select stems that have healthy leaves but no flowers.

#### Condition

Your exhibits should be clean, have no cuts or bruises, and be free of insect damage and disease. Wiping with a soft cloth is usually all that is necessary for cleaning exhibits.

#### Uniformity

All specimens composing a single entry should be as similar as possible in size, shape, maturity, and color. For example, do not mix red and green tomatoes even though they are the same variety.

#### Trueness to Type

Each exhibit will be judged against the standard for that type of vegetable. For example, sweet peppers and hot peppers have different characteristics. Your exhibit should match the ideal characteristics of its variety.

#### Conformity to Rules

Be familiar with and pay attention to the rules and the criteria for the classes you are entering. Be sure to include the correct number of specimens for each exhibit as having too few or too many specimens will result in disqualification. Don't forget to include the variety name on the entry form.