

# Dept # 82 - Open Vegetable Show

2019



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Exhibits will be on display **Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**, in the Greenhouse.

**Judging will take place on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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. **\$10.00 FLAT FEE** - Entry will not be processed without entry fee. Make checks payable to New Jersey State Fair, Agriculture Division. **There is no entry fee for CHI (Children's) or the CHB (Children's Basket, Garden, Sculpture) sections.**
4. Entry forms must be **postmarked by July 15<sup>th</sup>** to be eligible to receive passes. **After July 15, NO PASSES WILL BE ISSUED**, 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 (i.e. 4H club members, exhibitors already receiving passes for another department for Fri or Sat)**
5. Entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds at the greenhouse near Gate # 1 on **Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. NO exhibits will be accepted after 11:00 am on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> and all entries must be placed on the qualifying tables by 12 noon. Please indicate on entry form which day you are planning to bring your exhibits. – Delicate vegetables such as leafy greens will be placed in the onsite refrigerator and the judges will take in consideration the "extra" time the vegetables will be in the greenhouse as judging will again take place on Sunday.**
6. **Judging will take place on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> early in the morning.**
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. Vegetable show committee members will place qualified entries on the show tables.**
9. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
10. Ribbons and premiums may be picked up from **5:00 – 7:00 pm on Sunday, August 11<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. **Exhibits may be picked up from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.** Produce unclaimed as of 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 11<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 11<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 12<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. **For Classes OTHER – HER (class 17), OTHER-VEG class (27), OTHER-FRUIT (28)– the Name/Variety of your exhibit MUST be listed on your entry form. Please do not enter in any "other" category without stating what the exhibit will be.**
16. All specimens displayed must be wiped clean but **not washed**. Onions, shallots and garlic are **not to be peeled**.
17. 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.
18. Leafy vegetables and herbs must be displayed in a **glass container** with water. Bottles/jars will be provided.
19. Cherry, plum & **cluster-type** tomatoes must be in clusters on stem, at least 3 in a cluster. All other tomatoes must have stem attached. Green tomatoes are acceptable.
20. Tops of root crops must be trimmed to approximately 1 inch, except for garlic, which must be trimmed **between 1-2"**.
21. 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.
22. The miscellaneous (other) class may be subdivided if warranted by number of entries of any one type of vegetable.
23. To be designated as Best of Show an exhibit must have been judged excellent regardless of number of entries in the class.
24. 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, EDI, BAS, CHI, CHB	
<b>Flat Fee – individual entry form</b> (whether you enter 1 exhibit or 100 exhibits)	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>CHILDREN’s entries (classes CHI &amp; CHB only)</b> <i>Exhibitor must be 13 or under</i>	<b>FREE</b>

### 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 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 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. Summer Squash, yellow, straightneck or crookneck – 1 specimen
18. Summer Squash, zucchini – 1 specimen
19. Winter Squash (includes acorn, butternut, Hubbard, spaghetti) – 1 specimen
20. Sunflower – 1 mature seed head, minimum 8" diameter petal to petal, cut from stem, **not** in water
21. Tomatoes, standard round varieties– 3 specimens, see rule # 19
22. Tomatoes, beefsteak type – 3 specimens, see rule # 19
23. Tomatoes, cherry – 3 clusters, see rule #19
24. Tomatoes, plum – 3 clusters, see rule #19
25. Tomatoes, cluster type – 3 clusters, see rule #19 (cluster “on vine” type tomatoes that are not typically a cherry or plum type) Examples: Early Cascade, Garden Peach, Cluster Goliath or any type of tomato displayed on a cluster (minimum 3 tomatoes/cluster & 3 clusters must be submitted).
26. Heirloom Tomatoes, any type – 3 clusters of cherry, plum or cluster type varieties, 3 specimens of other types, see rules 19, 21 & 22.
27. Other Vegetable –any named variety except for herbs, for which no class is listed. Vegetables only for this class. Please be specific on your entry the name/variety of your entry (Examples: Rhubarb, Turnip, Leeks, Peas). Class items from prior years such are gourds, shallots, patty pan squash and heirloom vegetables should be entered in this class. For larger vegetables such as squash or melons (1 specimen), Others (3 specimens), Smaller vegetables such as peas (10 specimens).
28. Other Fruit – Fruit entries will be in their own category this year. Exhibit your homegrown fruit (all types of berries, grapes, peaches, pears, apples) Apples, Pears or Peaches (3 specimens); All Berries (10 specimens) and Grapes (1) Grape Cluster.
29. Most Unusual – show off a vegetable oddity and give it a creative name or caption on which to be judged.
30. 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>	1 specimen is considered an entry – you may enter one specimen in any or all of these subcategories  <b>All entries in this class will judged on <u>weight</u> NOT size</b>
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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 **except for Bergamot (Bee Balm) – maximum height 18” and Dill -maximum height up to 24”**.
- With the exceptions of bergamot, dill, and lavender, there should be **no open flowers** on herbs; flower **buds** are ok
- 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) \* *may have open flowers – maximum height up to 18”*
4. Catnip (**no Catmint** aka flowering nepetas)
5. Chives – 8 – 12 stems
6. Dill – 3 seed heads, ) \* *may have open flowers - maximum height up to 24”*
7. Lavender \* *may have open flowers*
8. Lemon Balm
9. Marjoram or Oregano
10. Mint, green types
11. Mint, other types
12. Parsley, curly leaf
13. Parsley, flat leaf
14. Rosemary
15. Sage – perennial (no Russian Sage)
16. Thyme – 8 – 12 stems
17. Other Culinary Herb – any culinary herb for which no class is listed, **up to 10 entries per exhibitor**. **No strictly medicinal or poisonous herbs. Class items from prior years such as French Tarragon & Tropical Sage should be entered in this class.**
18. 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.
19. “Foot” Garden – a single shoe or boot planted with a combination of any culinary herbs listed above. The herbs must be rooted.

## 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 between **1 – 2”**. Please see note above.
2. Garlic, hardneck varieties - 3 bulbs, tops trimmed between **1 – 2”**. Please see note above.

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

Premiums for Vegetable (VEG) – Herb (HER) – Garlic (GAR)	
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 for Sections: VEG-HER-GAR	\$15.00 & rosette
Beverly Post Memorial Award	VEG Section only - \$10.00 & rosette to top five exhibitors receiving the most excellents

## Section EDI – Potted Edibles Flowers

- Potted flowering plants with edible flowers (see varieties below that we will accept this year for the two classes). The varieties were selected as they should have flowers during the time of the fair. We hope to expand this list in future years based on interest in this new Section of the Open Vegetable Show.
- **All plants should have a good quantity of open flowers and/or buds.**
- All entries to be submitted in a **4” – 8”** pot, with **one variety per pot.**
- ***You may enter each of the listed varieties in the class, but each variety must be planted in its own pot. Indicate on your entry form the variety/varieties that you are entering.***
- The variety name must be identified either by a label, card, pot stick, seed packet or any other form to identify the variety.

**Class number and description (see our online listing for more information on the selected varieties below)**

<p>1. <b>Edible Flowers Non-Herb</b> – limited to the following 5 varieties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendula</li> <li>• Marigold</li> <li>• Nasturtiums</li> <li>• Sweet Alyssum</li> <li>• Wax Begonias</li> </ul>	<p>2. <b>Edible Flowers Herbs</b> - limited to the following 5 varieties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garlic Chives</li> <li>• Anise Hyssop</li> <li>• Basil</li> <li>• Borage</li> <li>• Burnet</li> </ul>
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Premiums for Potted Edible Flowers (EDI)	
Excellent	\$3.00 & blue ribbon
Very Good	\$2.00 & red ribbon
Good	\$1.00 & yellow ribbon
Best in Show for each EDI class above	Additional \$5.00 & rosette

## Section CHI – Children’s Division *Entry is open to children through the age of 13.*

*There is NO entry fee for this class.*

### 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 # 19)
6. Squash, any – 1 specimen
7. Peppers, any – 3 specimens
8. Other Vegetable – any other vegetable not listed in CHI 1-7 (**Limit of 5 entries in this category**). May include classes listed in the VEG section. Please enter number of specimens that are listed in the VEG class.
9. **Other Herb (new this year) – limited to the following herbs:**
  - Basil
  - Chives
  - Dill
  - Mint
  - Parsley

Premiums for Children’s (CHI)	
Excellent	\$3.00 & blue ribbon
Very Good	\$2.00 & red ribbon
Good	\$1.00 & yellow ribbon
Grand Champion CHI	\$5.00 & rosette

## **Section CHB – Children’s Division Baskets, Garden & Sculptures** *Entry is open to children through the age of 13.*

*There is NO entry fee for this class. (See premium table below)*

All Exhibits are to be the work of the child entering and assembled at home and brought into the fair on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> (4pm to 8pm) or Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (8am to 11am)

### **Class number with description**

**Veggie Sculptures** - 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.

1. Veggie Sculpture (up to age 6)
2. Veggie Sculpture (ages 7-13)
3. 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*) *Include a saucer to allow us to easily water your herb garden during the fair.*
4. Children’s “Creative Container” Small Space Garden – 3 or more edible vegetable varieties, small fruit and/or herbs. Minimum of 3 varieties. *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.

**Exhibitors are limited to entering 1 entry per class for the CHB Section; you may enter into each class (class 1 & 2 are age related)**

<b>Premiums for Children’s Basket (CHB) Section</b>	
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>\$3.00 &amp; blue ribbon</b>
<b>Very Good</b>	<b>\$2.00 &amp; red ribbon</b>
<b>Good</b>	<b>\$1.00 &amp; yellow ribbon</b>
<b>Best in Show each class in CHB</b>	<b>\$5.00 &amp; rosette</b>

## **Section BAS – Baskets**

*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*

### **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. *Include a saucer to allow us to easily water your herb garden during the fair.*
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. *Include a saucer to allow us to easily water your herb garden during the fair.*
3. **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.
4. **“Creative Container” Small Space Garden 3-7 varieties:** 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 (**but no more than 7**). 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). *Label your entries with either a card indicating what vegetables/herbs are included in the display or small tags by each specimen.*
5. **“Creative Container” Small Space Garden 8 or more varieties:** Show us your creative side by entering a garden planted in a “creative” container. Garden should **contain 8 or more** edible Vegetable varieties and/ or Herbs. A minimum of 8 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). *Label your entries with either a card indicating what vegetables/herbs are included in the display or small tags by each specimen.*

**Exhibitors are limited to entering 1 entry per class for the BAS Section; you may enter in all 5 classes.**

<b>Premiums for Basket (BAS) Section</b>	
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>\$20.00 &amp; blue ribbon</b>
<b>Very Good</b>	<b>\$15.00 &amp; red ribbon</b>
<b>Good</b>	<b>\$10.00 &amp; yellow ribbon</b>
<b>Best in Show for each class above</b>	<b>\$15.00 &amp; rosette</b>

## **Section SCA - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** and will be judged Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
6. Scarecrows will remain on display through Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Premiums, ribbons, and scarecrows may be claimed on **Sunday, August 11<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. All scarecrows must use straw as a major component.
9. Scarecrows will be judged for both quality of construction and use of the theme and
10. All Scarecrows will be eligible for the **People's Choice Scarecrow Rosette**. Voting for People's Choice will begin following judging on August 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. People's Choice rosette will be awarded Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. **All voting will be via Text Message or online form via Facebook, Twitter or our website.**

**This year's theme is: "Old MacDonald Had a Farm - EIEIO"**

### **Class number with description**

1. **Traditional Scarecrow – Scarecrow must be on a wooden frame & must include a horizontal bar (wood cross frame).**
2. **Sculptured Scarecrow - A non-traditional scarecrow made with items such as chicken wire, hay bales, paper mache – "anything goes"!!**

<b>Premiums for Scarecrow (SCA) Contest</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$20.00 &amp; blue rosette</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$15.00 &amp; red rosette</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$10.00 &amp; yellow rosette</b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>White Rosette</b>

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm **or** Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</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 4<sup>th</sup> either just prior to or after judging is completed for the other sections of the Open Vegetable Show.
7. Zuchinis are to remain on display through Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed on **Sunday, August 11<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 (ZUC) Contest</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place by weight</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place by weight</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place by weight</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>All others</b>	<b>Participation ribbon</b>

## 2019 Vegetable Show Events in the greenhouse

<b>Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Contest and People's Choice Voting</b>	<b>Vote for your favorite Scarecrow for the People's Choice Award. Voting will run from Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> after 5 pm through Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 pm. <i>People's Choice Rosette will be awarded Saturday following tallying of the votes.</i> Vote via: Text message or online through Facebook, Twitter or our website.</b>
<b>Scarecrow Photo Op</b>	<b>Come into the greenhouse and take a photo with any or all the scarecrows that have been constructed for the Scarecrow Contest. Starting Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> after 4 pm to the end of the fair.</b>
<b>Tuesday – August 6<sup>th</sup> Children's Day</b>	<b>Fun activities will be run during the day in the greenhouse.</b>
<b>All week long</b>	<b>WHILE SUPPLIES LAST: Vegetable and Herb seeds will be given out Daily.</b>

### 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.

The main characteristics a judge evaluates in each exhibit are quality, condition, uniformity and typical of variety.

HELPFUL HINTS	Blue	Red	Yellow
	Excellent	Very Good	Good
Quality	<p>Only very minor defects in appearance, if any</p> <p>Considered in “prime” eating condition.</p>	<p>Slight defects in appearance.</p>	<p>Definite defects in appearance</p>
Condition	<p>Best for market size &amp; quality</p> <p>There should be no defective or unusable areas/parts</p> <p><u>No</u> signs of mishandling</p>	<p>Good size &amp; quality for market</p> <p>Contains some defective or unusable areas/parts</p> <p>Only slight mishandling of the specimens is noted</p>	<p>Below market standards</p> <p>Contains a number of defective or unusable areas/parts</p> <p>Mishandling of the specimens in the exhibit, such as bumps, knife slices, digs, etc</p>
Uniformity	<p>Uniform shape, color &amp; degree of maturity for each specimen in the exhibit</p>	<p>Slightly detectable variation in shape, color or degree of maturity of the specimens</p>	<p>Noticeable variation in shape, color or degree of maturity</p>
Typical of variety	<p>True to variety characteristics</p>	<p>The specimens in the exhibit are not typical for the variety listed on the entry form.</p>	<p>Not typical for the variety. It may be too large or too small for the variety listed</p> <p>Varieties should not be mixed in one exhibit</p>