

DEPARTMENT I-11 – Garden Products

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Entries must be completed online at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll, County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitor earned premium payment, for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.

- A 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled in a plant-science project or a gardening project in order to enter the Garden Department at the Carroll Co. 4-H & FFA Fair. Any 4-H'er who submits a garden product exhibit at the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair will have to submit a successful unit completion on the garden project in order to exhibit at the 2026 fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Garden Department

1. Exhibitors are reminded that you **MUST** have raised or helped to raise the produce shown. It can be raised from seed, purchased plant or existing perennials, trees or vines that you have **actively helped care for**.
2. Please carefully check what is needed for fair entry, below. Failure to have the needed information could prevent the best possible show placement or disqualification. The Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and judges reserve the right to change class if the produce is entered incorrectly or if another class is better fit for the plant/variety being entered.
3. For produce specifics, guidelines, tips and help on how to show each garden product successfully, please see the **General Guidelines for Exhibiting and Judging Agricultural Products**. Copies are available in the Carroll County Extension Office, at the fair information desk, and at the Garden Department check in table at the fair on entry day.
4. Produce becomes property of the fair at the time of entry and will be sold, with proceeds benefitting the fair beginning Saturday afternoon of the fair. All award-winning produce, produce displays and judge's choices will stay on display for the entirety of the fair and not be sold. All display baskets and containers will be kept for return after the fair, once the produce has been removed for sale. Pictures of produce sold will be displayed for the fair and available to keep for record book.
5. Only 1 entry in each class allowed
6. Entry will be drop off, with judging to occur at a different time. **Judges have the right to cut, taste or open any produce to verify the variety, quality and that they are homegrown.**
7. Premiums – Class Champion - \$5; Blue Award - \$4; Red Award - \$3.75; White Award - \$3.50

What you need to enter your Garden Products on entry day at the Carroll County Fair:

****Please check this list carefully****

We are there to help you, but you must have or bring the information needed for proper entry.

- **cleaned, washed, trimmed and properly prepared, best examples of your produce for entry**
- **Produce should be displayed on a paper plate or in an inexpensive clean container with water for herbs, greens, broccoli etc. Check each class rules carefully for produce amounts needed and size specifics. (ex. 1 head of cabbage, 5 banana peppers, 3 zucchinis, "Other" classes should follow similar vegetables or fruits in the amount shown.**
- **Your entry tag should be securely attached to the paper plate or container with a rubber band or string. (Containers labeled with exhibitor's name for return after the fair)**
- **The plant variety MUST clearly be labeled on the entry tag. (ex. "Big Bertha" tomato, "Candy Cane" sweet pepper, "Sweet Slice" cucumber, "Tuscan" Kale, "Triple Crown" blackberry.**

*****This is required information for entry*****

- Please be specific. This information can be found on the plant label or seed packet. If it is an existing perennial, fruit tree, berry etc. please research to find your variety. You must know what you grow!

Display baskets:

- Please see specific classes for rules and sizes. (All produce, washed and prepared properly for display)
- This is an overall representation of your project/garden. Appearance is important as well as the quality of produce.
- Include a 3x5 index card list of all vegetables, fruits or herbs and their VARIETY name in your display.
- Put your name clearly on the bottom of the basket, box and containers for return after the fair.

Section 001 – Herb Exhibits

- All herbs to be **1 bundle=6 stalks**, to be shown in an inexpensive container of water. Size should be appropriate to the size of herb entered. (baby food or canning jars, water bottles or plastic cups all make great containers) All leaves below the waterline need to be removed for show.

Classes

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Basil
1002	2002	3002	Dill
1003	2003	3003	Lavender, flowering or optimal showing, but can be entered without flowers
1004	2004	3004	Mint- should not be flowering
1005	2005	3005	Oregano
1006	2006	3006	Parsley
1007	2007	3007	Rosemary
1008	2008	3008	Sage
1009	2009	3009	Thyme
1010	2010	3010	Other – Any other herb that is listed in a separate class
1011	2011	3011	Dried Herb Bundle-any- This is a dried on the stem culinary bundle, 6 stalks tied together on a plate for entry with variety name and drying method
1012	2012	3012	Dried Herb Mixed Bundle – This is a dried on the stem culinary bundle, 6 stalks each of 5 different varieties that the exhibitor has grown and dried. Tied together in a bundle on a paper plate for entry with a 3x5 index card listing the types and drying method

Section 002 – Vegetable Exhibits

Classes

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1015	2015	3015	Beans – lima – 10 pods
1016	2016	3016	Beans – string less green – 10
1017	2017	3017	Beans – yellow wax – 10
1018	2018	3018	Beets – any pickling – topped – minimum diameter 1” – 5
1019	2019	3019	Beets – any slicing – topped – 5
1020	2020	3020	Broccoli – 1 bunch in a container of water
1021	2021	3021	Brussel Sprouts – 1 pint
1022	2022	3022	Cabbage – green – 1 head
1023	2023	3023	Cabbage – red – 1 head
1024	2024	3024	Carrots – topped – 5
1025	2025	3025	Celery
1026	2026	3026	Cucumbers - burpless salad - 3
1027	2027	3027	Cucumbers – pickling – 5
1028	2028	3028	Cucumbers – salad – 3
1029	2029	3029	Eggplant- other variety- 1 full size varieties, 3 small size varieties (Japanese, mini, etc.)

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<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1030	2030	3029	Eggplant – 1
1031	2031	3030	Green leafy vegetables (collard, chard, garden lettuce) – 1 full bunch in a container of water
1032	2032	3031	Kale (any variety) - 1 full bunch in a container of water
1033	2033	3032	Mushroom – ½ pint
1034	2034	3033	Okra – 10 pods
1035	2035	3034	Onions – red – 5
1036	2036	3035	Onions – white – 5
1037	2037	3036	Onions – yellow – 5
1038	2038	3037	Onions – Other (any other variety not listed) – 5
1039	2039	3039	Peas – 10 pods (snow, sugar, garden, etc.)
1040	2040	3040	Peppers – banana – 5
1041	2041	3041	Peppers – bell – 5
1042	2042	3042	Peppers – any hot variety (not Jalapeno) – 5
1043	2043	3043	Peppers – Jalapeno – 5
1044	2044	3044	Peppers – Other (any other sweet or hot variety not listed) – 5
1045	2045	3045	Potatoes – Cobbler – 5
1046	2046	3046	Potatoes – Kennebec - 5
1047	2047	3047	Potatoes – Red – 5
1048	2048	3048	Potatoes – Other (any other variety not listed) – 5
1049	2049	3049	Radish with tops attached – 5
1050	2050	3050	Squash – crookneck – 3
1051	2051	3051	Squash – straight neck – 3
1052	2052	3052	Squash – Patty Pan – 3
1053	2053	3053	Squash – zucchini green or yellow – 3
1054	2054	3054	Squash – other- (any other variety not listed)- 3, larger sizes (ex. Spaghetti, butternut, etc.)- 1
1055	2055	3055	Sunflower – non-oil type – mature seed head of 6” or greater in diameter – This is not an ornamental flower. It must show ¾ full of mature seeds. 1 head on a plate.
1056	2056	3056	Sunflower – non-oil type – mature seed head of less than 6” diameter – This is not an ornamental flower. It must show ¾ full of mature seeds. 1 head on a plate.
1057	2057	3057	Sunflower– oil type (black seed) any size –This must show ¾ full of mature black seeds.
1058	2058	3058	Sweet Corn – yellow – 5 in husk (unopened)
1059	2059	3059	Sweet Corn – White – 5 in husk (unopened)
1060	2060	3060	Sweet corn- other-(any other variety not listed)- 5 in husk (unopened)
1061	2061	3061	Tomatoes – cherry-type, (any color) – greater than 1” – 10 (stems removed)
1062	2062	3062	Tomatoes – cherry-type (any color) – less than 1” – 10 (stems removed)
1063	2063	3063	Tomatoes – any red variety – 5
1064	2064	3064	Tomatoes – any yellow slicing variety – 5 (no cherry type)
1065	2065	3065	Tomatoes – Italian for sauce – 5
1066	2066	3066	Tomatoes – green – unripe - 5
1067	2067	3067	Tomatoes – grape – 5
1068	2068	3068	Tomatoes – Pear - 10
1069	2069	3069	Tomatoes – heirloom, (any heirloom variety, any color)– 5
1070	2070	3070	Tomatoes – Other (any other variety not listed)
1071	2071	3071	Supersized Vegetable – 1 item grown to an unusually large size for the variety, must be able to be lifted by exhibitor
1072	2072	3072	Other Vegetable– (any other vegetable that doesn't have a class or place to be entered) – Amounts shown, like similar vegetable classes

Section 003 – Fruit Exhibits

Classes

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1080	2080	3080	Tree fruit (Any fruit grown on a tree, ex. Apples, Pears, Peaches, Quince, Plum etc.) -5 If it is a tree fruit like cherry, (1/2 pint) amount, for entry
1081	2081	3081	Other Tree Fruit– (same as above class) – larger fruits 5, smaller fruits ½ pint
1082	2082	3082	Berries(Any type of berry grown on a vine, bush, ground) Ex. Strawberries, Blackberries, Blueberries, etc.) ½ pint
1083	2083	3083	Pumpkin-any variety -1
1084	2084	3084	Pumpkin-Jack Be Little-variety -1
1085	2085	3085	Watermelon-any variety -1
1086	2086	3086	Melon-any (ex. Cantaloupe, Honeydew etc.) -1
1087	2087	3087	Supersized Fruit – 1 item grown to an unusually large size for the variety, must be able to be lifted by exhibitor
1088	2088	3088	Other fruit (any other variety of fruit not listed, *not tree fruit) -follow rules for amount entered in similar class

Section 004 – Produce Displays

- This is a display of the produce that you have grown in your project. It should be arranged in an attractive way. You may use a basket, small crate or box (see class rules for size specifics). Herbs can be separated in separate containers of water in a basket/box or as one total bouquet in water in a basket/box. Emphasis is on a good quality representation of your produce as well as the overall appearance of the display.

****You must include an index card with all variety names listed. (ex. 2 Brandywine tomatoes, 1 Black Beauty Eggplant, 10 sweet 100 cherry tomatoes, 3 ears Peaches and Cream corn, 3 mammoth Jalapeno peppers etc.)**

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<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1090	2090	3090	Small produce display- 5 varieties- any combination of fruits, vegetables or herbs in a basket, box or small crate with a maximum size of 11"-it should include a nice amount of each variety to fill your display.
1091	3091	3091	Large produce display- 6 or more varieties- any combination of fruits, vegetables or herbs in a basket, box or crate, minimum size 12"- maximum size 24" - it should include a nice amount of each variety to fill your display.
1092	2092	3092	Herb display- 5 varieties displayed in water container(s) in a basket, box or small crate with a maximum size of 11"- a nice full bundle of each type.
1093	2093	3093	Chef Plate – Submit a recipe of your own or commercial with 5 or more produce items (2 of each item) needed for the recipe that the exhibitor has grown.

Section 003 – Garden Special Awards

Class 1095	Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit Junior – rosette & rosette
Class 2095	Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit Intermediate – rosette & rosette
Class 3095	Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit Senior – rosette & rosette
Class 1097	Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display Junior – rosette & rosette
Class 2097	Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display Intermediate – rosette & rosette
Class 3097	Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display Senior – rosette & rosette
Class 1099	Champion & Reserve Champion Herb Exhibit Junior – rosette & rosette
Class 2099	Champion & Reserve Champion Herb Exhibit Intermediate – rosette & rosette
Class 3099	Champion & Reserve Champion Herb Exhibit Senior – rosette & rosette
Class 4095	Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit – award & rosette
Class 4097	Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display – award & rosette
Class 4099	"Judge's Choice" – Most Unique Garden Product – rosette
Class 4100	Overall Supersized Produce Item - rosette