

## DEPARTMENT I-11 – Garden Products

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Entries must be completed online at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://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	Cucumbers - burpless salad - 3
1026	2026	3026	Cucumbers – pickling – 5
1027	2027	3027	Cucumbers – salad – 3
1028	2028	3028	Eggplant- other variety- 1 full size varieties, 3 small size varieties (Japanese, mini, etc.)

**Section 002 – Vegetable Exhibits – Cont.**

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1029	2029	3029	Eggplant – 1
1030	2030	3030	Green leafy vegetables (collard, chard, garden lettuce) – 1 full bunch in a container of water
1031	2031	3031	Kale (any variety) - 1 full bunch in a container of water
1032	2032	3032	Mushroom – ½ pint
1033	2033	3033	Okra – 10 pods
1034	2034	3034	Onions – red – 5
1035	2035	3035	Onions – white – 5
1036	2036	3036	Onions – yellow – 5
1037	2037	3037	Onions – Other (any other variety not listed) – 5
1038	2038	3038	Peppers – banana – 5
1039	2039	3039	Peppers – bell – 5
1040	2040	3040	Peppers – any hot variety (not Jalapeno) – 5
1041	2041	3041	Peppers – Jalapeno – 5
1042	2042	3042	Peppers – Other (any other sweet or hot variety not listed) – 5
1043	2043	3043	Potatoes – Cobbler – 5
1044	2044	3044	Potatoes – Kennebec - 5
1045	2045	3045	Potatoes – Red – 5
1046	2046	3046	Potatoes – Other (any other variety not listed) – 5
1047	2047	3047	Radish with tops attached – 5
1048	2048	3048	Squash – crookneck – 3
1049	2049	3049	Squash – straight neck – 3
1050	2050	3050	Squash – Patty Pan – 3
1051	2051	3051	Squash – zucchini green or yellow – 3
1052	2052	3052	Squash – other- (any other variety not listed)- 3, larger sizes (ex. Spaghetti, butternut, etc.)- 1
1053	2053	3053	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.
1054	2054	3054	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.
1055	2055	3055	Sunflower– oil type (black seed) any size –This must show ¾ full of mature black seeds.
1056	2056	3056	Sweet Corn – yellow – 5 in husk (unopened)
1057	2057	3057	Sweet corn- other-(any other variety not listed)- 5 in husk (unopened)
1058	2058	3058	Tomatoes – cherry-type, (any color) – greater than 1” – 10 (stems removed)
1059	2059	3059	Tomatoes – cherry-type (any color) – less than 1” – 10 (stems removed)
1060	2060	3060	Tomatoes – any red variety – 5
1061	2061	3061	Tomatoes – any yellow slicing variety – 5 (no cherry type)
1062	2062	3062	Tomatoes – Italian for sauce – 5
1063	2063	3063	Tomatoes – green – unripe - 5
1064	2064	3064	Tomatoes – grape – 5
1065	2065	3065	Tomatoes – heirloom, (any heirloom variety, any color)– 5
1066	2066	3066	Tomatoes – Other (any other variety not listed)
1067	2067	3067	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>	
1070	2070	3070	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
1071	2071	3071	Other Tree Fruit– (same as above class) – larger fruits 5, smaller fruits ½ pint
1072	2072	3072	Berries(Any type of berry grown on a vine, bush, ground) Ex. Strawberries, Blackberries, Blueberries, etc.) ½ pint
1073	2073	3073	Pumpkin-any variety -1
1074	2074	3074	Pumpkin-Jack Be Little-variety -1
1075	2075	3075	Watermelon-any variety -1
1076	2076	3076	Melon-any (ex. Cantaloupe, Honeydew etc.) -1
1077	2077	3077	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>	
1080	2080	3080	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.
1081	1082	1083	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.
1082	2082	3082	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.

## Section 003 – Garden Special Awards

Class 1091	Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit Junior – rosette & rosette
Class 2091	Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit Intermediate – rosette & rosette
Class 3091	Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit Senior – rosette & rosette
Class 4091	Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Garden Exhibit – award & rosette
Class 1092	Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display Junior – rosette & rosette
Class 2092	Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display Intermediate – rosette & rosette
Class 3092	Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display Senior – rosette & rosette
Class 4093	Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Display – award & rosette
Class 4095	“Judge’s Choice” – Most Unique Garden Product – rosette