



Horticulture



2025 Fair Book

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NO PRE-ENTRY Required

Judging: Tuesday, July 22, 12:00 – 3:30 pm

Conference Judging like static exhibits

July 22-28, 2025



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The Hancock County Fair Board takes this opportunity to invite everyone in the county to "YOUR FAIR". The success of the District Fair is made possible through your continued support and interest in our youth—the leaders of tomorrow. We welcome everyone who is interested in our 4-H and FFA members as well as the many commercial exhibitors. The Fair Board hopes town and rural people will attend the fair to see what our young people have been learning with their clothing, home furnishings, foods, livestock and other project areas throughout the year. In addition, the many commercial exhibitors welcome you to visit their displays during the District Fair.

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Superintendents: Judy Brozik, Ellen Tusha, Rosemary Weaver

Premium Money

Premium money and ribbon color will be based on quality, not a 1st, 2nd, 3rd placing.

• Purple/Blue	\$2.00
• Red	\$1.50
• White	\$1.00

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext

General Rules

- 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.
- Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-Hers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
- Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa.
- Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit.
- All judges' decisions are final.
- All exhibits must be properly labeled with exhibitor's name, age, club and years enrolled in the project and are not to be removed before 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- The Hancock County Ag Society (Fair Board) and Hancock County Extension & Outreach will use diligence to ensure the safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement, but will not be responsible for damages or loss by fire, theft, etc.
- All premiums on individual entries will be paid to the members in the fair office after judging is completed.**

Flowers (Not eligible for State Fair)

- Exhibits should be displayed in clear glass bottles furnished by the exhibitor.
- Limit of 10 flower entries per exhibitor.
- Exhibits must be cared for by exhibitor during growing.
- Refer to 4H 464 "Preparing Cut Flowers and House Plants for Exhibit" for preparation instructions.
- Variety must be listed on tag.**

Annuals

A. Begonia	1 bloom floating in water
B. Canna	1 stem
C. Celosia	1 stem

D. Dahlia	1 large bloom or 3 small blooms
E. Gladiolus	1 spike
F. Marigold	
· African (Giant)	3 blooms
· French (Dwarf)	1-3 sprays
G. Petunia	1 spray
H. Snapdragon	3 stems
I. Zinnia	3 blooms, no buds
J. Any other annual - large (1 specimen)	
K. Any other annual - small (1-3 specimens)	

Grand Champion Annual

Reserve Champion Annual

Perennial

L. Chrysanthemum	1 spray
M. Daisy	1 or 3 blooms
N. Daylily	1 stem
O. Hosta	3 leaves or 1 flower spike
P. Liatris	1 spike
Q. Oriental/Asiatic Lily	1 stem
R. Any other perennial - large	(up to 3 specimen)
S. Any other perennial - small	(up to 3 specimen)

Roses

T. Tea rose	1 stem with 1 bloom
U. Miniature rose	1 bloom or 1 stem with cluster of blooms
V. Grandiflora	1 stem with one bloom or 1 stem with cluster of blooms
W. Floribunda	1 stem with one bloom or 1 stem with cluster of blooms
X. Shrub rose	1 stem with one bloom or 1 stem with cluster of blooms
Y. All other rose	

Grand Champion Perennial

Reserve Champion Perennial

Container Grown Plants

1. Exhibitors responsible for watering.

A. African Violets.

- Single
- Double

B. Cactus

- Small
- Double

C. Geranium

- Regular
- Ivy

D. Other succulent type plants

E. Potted Impatient

- Single
- Double

F. Potted Plant - grown for foliage only

G. Potted Plant - flowering

H. Potted Vines

I. Waxed Begonias

J. Dish garden or terrarium. Evaluation

based on plant selection, quality, suitability of container and design. Include card describing name of plants and care given.

K. Any other potted plant

Grand Champion Container Plant
Reserve Champion Container Plant

Garden Produce (Not eligible for State Fair)

1. Exhibits should be displayed on a plain white paper plate, furnished by the exhibitor.
2. Limit of 10 vegetable entries per exhibitor.
3. Exhibits must be cared for by exhibitor during growing.
4. Refer to 4-H 462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" for preparation instructions.
5. **Variety must be listed on tag.**
6. Uniformity must be considered when 2 or more specimens are required.
7. Cleanliness is important but read preparation instructions about washing versus brushing off dirt. It is different for different vegetables.

A. Beans (snap) 6 pods (matching

color, either yellow or green)

B. Beets 3 specimens

C. Berries 1 plate of 6
(same variety)

D. Broccoli 1 head

E. Brussel Sprouts 5 heads

F. Cabbage 1 head

G. Carrots 3 specimens

H. Cauliflower 1 head

I. Celery 1 bunch

J. Corn (sweet) 2 ears (remove husk on one side)

Cucumbers

K. Pickling (2-3") 5 specimens

L. Slicing (6-8") 2 specimens

M. Dill 2 heads, tied

N. Eggplant 1 specimen

O. Garlic 3 specimens

P. Herbs - dill separate above
(parsley, chives, etc.) 1 sprig per bottle

Q. Kale 1 plant

R. Kohlrabi 2 specimens

S. Lettuce, Leaf 1 plant

T. Muskmelon
(or Cantaloupe) 1 specimen

U. Okra 3 specimens

V. Onion (dry) 3 specimens

W. Onion (green) 1 bunch of 5 onions tied

X. Parsnips 3 specimens

Y. Peas (edible pod) 6 pods

Z. Peas (unshelled) 6 pods

AA. Pepper (Bell) 2 specimens

BB. Pepper (Hot) 5 specimens

CC. Potatoes 3 specimens

DD. Pumpkin 1 specimen

EE. Radishes 1 bunch of 5, tied

FF. Rhubarb 1 bunch of 3 stalks, tied

GG. Spinach 1 plant

Squash

HH. Summer (zucchini) 2 specimens

II. Winter (Round) 1 specimen

JJ. Sweet Potatoes 2 specimens

KK. Swiss Chard 6 leaves

Tomatoes

LL. Standard 3 specimens

MM. Cherry 10 specimens

NN. Turnips 3 specimens

OO. Watermelon 1 specimen

PP. Any Other Vegetable (ask supt. for display)

Grand Champion Garden Produce
Reserve Champion Garden Produce

Display Arrangements

Class

- A. Small Flower Arrangement with cut flowers grown by exhibitor
- B. Small Flower Arrangement may include purchased flowers.
- C. Collection of Herbs in jars or bottles with water, displayed together in one box or tray. Include 5 different types: label each as to name and possible uses. (Use fresh herbs).
- D. Best Garden Display - Limited to FIRST YEAR garden members only (all ages eligible). To consist of **at least 5 to 7 (not more than 7) different kinds of vegetables, (not varieties)** attractively arranged by exhibitor in suitable container of exhibitor's choice. Each display should occupy no more than four (4) square feet of table space (about 2' by 2'). If any materials other than vegetables are used such as flowers, artificial greens or similar decorations, these should be only a supplemental part of the display. This class will be judged on artistic appeal, color preparation and balance, distinction, originality and quality.
- E. Best Garden Display - Second and third year Junior Gardeners (exhibitors 4th-6th grade). Description same as D.
- F. Best Garden Display - Second year and above Intermediate and Senior Gardeners (exhibitor 7th-12th grade). Same as Class D but consists of **at least 8-10 (not more than 10) different kinds of vegetables (not varieties)** in display.
- G. Best Garden Display - Limited to Intermediate and Senior Gardeners who have received Grand Champion honors in Class E or F.

Grand Champion Display Arrangement
Reserve Champion Display Arrangement

GARDEN ENTRY FORM Duplicate as needed

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

CLUB: _____ GRADE (completed): _____



DIVISION	CLASS NO.	DESCRIPTION	P	B	R	W	PREMIUM
Flowers	K	Daisy (include variety name)					
Display Arrangement	D	Best Garden Display - 1st year (5-7 veggies)					
Garden Produce	LL	Cherry Tomatoes (include variety name)					
TOTAL							

Examples