



Showing Flowers and Vegetables at the Lancaster County Super Fair

You are going to the fair! How exciting. Growing a garden is lots of fun and showing at the county fair is a great experience. Here are a few tips to help you get started.

Start by looking at the Horticulture area of the Fair Book. It is divided into two areas: Floriculture and Vegetable Gardening. Look over the different types of flowers and vegetables you can grow and exhibit at the fair. There are a lot!

If you are a first time exhibitor at the county fair, select plants easy to grow and easy to prepare for an exhibit at the fair.

Easy flowers to grow and exhibit:

- Marigold
- Zinnia

Easy vegetables to grow and exhibit:

- Slicing cucumbers
- Jalapeno peppers
- Hot peppers
- Salad or cherry tomatoes

Be sure to keep all your plant tags and seed packages, so you have the cultivar or variety names of your flowers or vegetables. You will need that information when you enter your items at the county fair.

When planting flowers from seed it's important to select a variety with a single flower color. That way it is easier to select flowers to exhibit that all look the same. The judge will be looking for uniformity when judging your exhibit, so they need to be the same color.

When you are ready to select your exhibit for the fair, there are three helpful resources for you to use. All three are available at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road.

- Lancaster County Fair Book
- Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits for Exhibit (4-H226) (cost \$2)
- Tips For Fair, Cut Flower Exhibits



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