

State Fair Horticulture Exhibits

General Rules

1. Kentucky FFA members who are in good standing and carrying on horticulture related supervised agricultural experience programs under the supervision of their teachers of agriculture are eligible to exhibit crops at the Kentucky State Fair.
2. All horticulture exhibits must be registered electronically by August 4th. Entries are to be made in the name of the FFA member who completed the work or project. The following information is required by the Kentucky State Fair for making these entries: Student name, home address, social security number. Instructions for completing online entries will be shared with all FFA chapters by the Kentucky State Fair by June 15.
4. Neither the Kentucky State Fair nor the FFA Department will be responsible for any loss or damage to the exhibit or injury to the exhibitor or to the spectators; however, the utmost care will be used to prevent loss or injury.
5. FFA exhibits must be entered by the published deadline. Late entries will not be accepted or displayed. Exhibits must be removed by the published deadline. Entries remaining after the published deadline will be disposed of by the Kentucky State Fair.
6. Depending on space availability, red and white ribbon entries may not be displayed.
7. Premiums will be published in the Kentucky State Fair Catalog. Premiums are paid directly to the exhibitors and checks are normally mailed by November 1.



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LANDSCAPE DESIGNS

1. The display should consist of a scale model of a home, trees, shrubs, walks, patios, etc. The scale model must be constructed on a hard surface of four square feet (2' x 2') or less. The landscape design will count 40 percent in the judging.
2. Individual landscape entries cannot be attached to other entries.
3. A landscape design plan drawn to scale and the same size as the model must accompany the display.
 - a. Label all pertinent components on the plan, including walks, drives, picnic tables, ponds, etc.
 - b. Put the key of plants or plant ID and components directly on the front side of the plan page (not on separate sheet.)
 - c. The landscape design plan will count 60% in the judging.
 - d. Vellum paper for the design plan is recommended.
4. FFA members may exhibit only one scale model in this class.



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POTTED PLANTS

1. Exhibits shall consist of one or more plants of the same species in a pot. A pot that contains two or more species of plants must be entered in sub class 398 J "Any Other Plants."
2. An FFA member may exhibit only one potted plant in each of the listed classes for potted plants. A member is limited to a maximum of five (5) total entries in the potted flowers/plants division.
3. Plants must be labeled- include name of plant, student's name, and chapter name.
4. Potted plant entries must be grown by the student exhibiting the plant.
5. The plants and pots should be clean and well-tended before they are exhibited.
6. Space will be provided for hanging baskets in the potted flower class. The superintendent will have the right to require unusually large and/or heavy baskets to be set on a display table or floor.

Classes - An exhibitor may enter five (5) total entries but only one plant in each sub class.

Sub Classes

- A. Blooming House Plants
- B. Cacti/Succulents
- C. Ferns
- D. Ficus
- E. Blooming Annuals
- F. Schefflera
- G. Low light foliage plants
- H. Hanging Baskets_ other than ferns
- I. High light foliage plants
- J. Any Other Plants



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FLORAL DESIGNS

1. The design must be in a single container.
2. The design must be the work of the exhibitor. Purchased floral designs will be disqualified.
3. Each exhibitor is allowed one entry per class with a maximum of five (5) floral design entries.
4. Cut flowers must be watered upon arrival at the State Fair.
5. Cut flowers will be discarded during the Fair when they become wilted. Containers will be available for pickup during the checkout of entries at the conclusion of the Fair. Containers must be labeled with the student's name and chapter.

Subclasses

- A. Artificial Flower Arrangements
- B. Dried Flower Arrangements
- C. Live Flower Arrangements
- D. Terrariums
- E. Dish Gardens



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CHAPTER HORTICULTURE AWARD

1. An award will be given to the first and second place chapter horticulture exhibits.
2. Chapter awards will be tabulated as follows:
 - a. 3 points per blue ribbon in Potted Plants
 - b. 3 points per blue ribbon in Floral Design
 - c. 6 points per blue ribbon in Landscape Design
 - d. An additional 6 points will be awarded to the chapter with the champion entry in each class

