

Eggplant Exhibit



The eggplant exhibit allows you to display the eggplant that you have grown in your garden. The exhibit is judged on each eggplant's condition and quality, and required number of specimen.

Tips to Consider When Displaying Your Eggplant

- Three eggplant of the same variety are required for this exhibit.
- Select eggplant free of insect damage, disease, and mishandling.
- Remove dirt from eggplant by gently rubbing eggplant with a damp cloth. Do not wash eggplant.
- Display eggplant that are at the perfect stage for eating. Do not include eggplant that are underripe or overripe.
- Avoid eggplant that are shriveled or have blemishes.
- The fruit should be dark purple, or appropriate for the cultivar and should not have any dark spots, which are an indication of bruising.
- Select eggplant that are the same size, shape, color, degree of maturity and displayed in the same manner. All specimens in an exhibit should show uniformity.
- Do not remove stem or calyx from your eggplant. Stem and calyx should remain on eggplant when being displayed.

Visit the 4-H Horticulture webpage, <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/horticulture> for the Kentucky State Fair guidelines and scoresheet for this project.

References:

KY State Fair Catalog, Division 6015 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science Entries
 KY State Fair Evaluation Sheet, Lot 6015, Class 587
 Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables, UK Extension Publication 4BC-08PO

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Project Idea

Grow several different varieties of eggplant. Which is your favorite? Why?

Materials Needed

- White paper plate
- Sealable plastic bag
- 3 eggplant

State Fair Information

- Division 6015: 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science
- Class 587: Eggplant

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