

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2024

FFA Vegetable & Potato

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FFA VEGETABLE & POTATO RULES.

1. **Eligibility.** Open to Minnesota students, grades 7-12, who are currently enrolled in an agricultural education program during the 2023-2024 school years, and who are active members of a FFA chapter in good standing with the state FFA association.
 - A. FFA members enrolled in new or reestablished programs are not eligible to exhibit until the fair following the first academic year of operation.
 - B. Exhibitors who have not graduated from high school must have been enrolled in at least one agriculture class during the current year.
 - C. Must be current, paid member in good standing of the State FFA and National FFA.
2. **Entries.** Entries close Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
 - A. **All exhibits must be registered online; no unregistered exhibits will be accepted at the door.** Only one entry per class per exhibitor.
 - B. Each exhibit must be certified by the agriculture instructor attesting to the fact the exhibit was grown and prepared by the exhibitor, or in partnership agreement by the exhibitor as one of the features of the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) of the exhibitor.
 1. Exhibits must be shown in the name of the bona-fide grower.
 - C. Must include variety name.
 - D. **Entries must be made by the FFA advisor.**
3. **Exhibit delivery and staging.**
 - A. **Deliver to Agriculture Horticulture prep room** Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, from 6:30-9 a.m. Staging completed by 9 a.m.
 1. Advisors will be sent parking credentials and instructions for delivery procedure.
 - B. Exhibits will be staged under the direction of the superintendent.
 1. No exhibitor shall change or alter their exhibit after 9 a.m.
 2. For food safety reasons, all potatoes and vegetables will be disposed of in a compost bin.
4. **Identification.**
 - A. **Exhibit tags.** Will include the following information: class description, student name, student grade and FFA chapter name.
 1. Tags will be mailed to the address of the advisor who registered the entries.

Division 1: FFA Potatoes

FFA Potatoes

1. **Potato exhibits.** Must be this year's crop.
 - A. Should be fresh and not previously shown in competition.
 - B. Tubers should be clean and attractive, uniform in size and shape, free from blemishes and disease and true to variety.
 - C. Diseased potatoes will be disqualified.
 - D. Exhibits with a variety mixture will be disqualified.
2. **Labeling.** Each variety must be correctly labeled. Labels and pins furnished by the fair and must be used.
3. **Classes.**
 - A. **Whites.** Varieties include Atlantic, Dakota Pearle, Shepody, Superior, Yukon Gold, or Any other white.
 - B. **Russets.** Varieties include Bannock, Burbank, Norkota, Ranger or Any other russet.
 - C. **Reds.** Varieties include LaSoda, Norland, Pontiac, Viking or Any other red.
 - D. **Others.** Any colored or finger potato.

Judging Criteria - Potatoes

True to variety.....	25
Proper maturity.....	25
Quality.....	25
Uniformity.....	25
<i>Size, shape and color</i>	
	100

Premiums for FFA Potatoes

Vegetable & Potato
\$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2 \$1

Class Listing for FFA Potatoes

Potatoes

- 1 Whites
10 specimens.
 - 2 Russets
10 specimens.
 - 3 Reds
10 specimens.
 - 4 Others
10 specimens.
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- 5 Grand and Reserve Champion Potato

Division 2: FFA Vegetable Crops

Rules

1. **Vegetable exhibits.** Must be this year's crop.
 - A. Oils and sprays to enhance appearance are not allowed.
 - B. **Labeling.** Each variety must be correctly labeled. Labels and pins furnished by the fair and must be used.

Judging Criteria - Vegetable Crop

True to variety.....	25
Proper maturity.....	25
Quality.....	25
Uniformity.....	25
<i>Size, shape and color</i>	
	100

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Class Listing for FFA Vegetable Crops

Vegetables

- 10 Beans
Edamame, green, lima, purple, romano or wax. 25 pods.
- 11 Beets
One variety, 4 inches or less, tops trimmed to 1-2 inches. Six specimens.
- 12 Carrots
One variety, tops trimmed to 1-2 inches. Six specimens.
- 13 Eggplant
Any variety. Three specimens.
- 14 Gourds
Three different specimens.
- 15 Muskmelon
Oval or round. Three specimens.
- 16 Summer squash
Zucchini-type green or yellow, straightneck or crookneck golden. Six specimens.
- 17 Winter squash
Acorn, banana, buttercup, butternut, spaghetti, or any other named variety. Three specimens.
- 18 Tomatoes, large
Red or yellow. 2 3/4 inches or larger in diameter, stems off. Six specimens.
- 19 Tomatoes, small round, red
1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter, stems off. 12 specimens.
- 20 Tomatoes, cherry, grape, pear or plum
Red or yellow. Stems off. 25 specimens.
- 21 Tomatoes, heirloom type
Open pollinated, stems off. Six specimens.
- 22 Pumpkins, large field type
Three specimens.
- 23 Pumpkins, miniature, orange
4 inches or smaller in diameter. Six specimens.
- 24 Pumpkins, miniature, any other color
4 inches or smaller in diameter. Six specimens.
- 25 Sweet corn
Fresh with husks. Six ears.

- 26 Cabbage
Flat, pointed or round green, red, Savoy or Chinese. Any variety, with 3-4 wrapped leaves. Three specimens.
- 27 Cauliflower
Three specimens.
- 28 Cucumbers, English type
Six specimens.
- 29 Cucumbers, pickling
12 specimens.
- 30 Cucumbers, slicing
Six specimens.
- 31 Kohlrabi
Green or purple. 2 to 4 inches in diameter, tops trimmed to 1-2 inches. Six specimens.
- 32 Onions
Flat or globe, red, white or yellow. Cured, 1-2 inch stem. Six specimens.
- 33 Peppers, large sweet, bell type
Any color. Six specimens.
- 34 Peppers, hot
Anaheim, banana, cayenne, habanero, Hungarian wax, jalapeno, poblano or Thai. Nine specimens.
- 35 Peppers, mini bell
12 specimens.
- 36 Broccoli
Three specimens.
- 37 Kale
Plant, with roots trimmed. Three specimens.
- 38 Brussels sprouts
Tops trimmed, 12-14 inch stalk. One specimen.
- 39 Celery
With tops. Three specimens.
- 40 Radish, winter type
Tops trimmed to 1-2 inches. Six specimens.
- 41 Rutabaga
Tops and roots trimmed to 1-2 inches. Three specimens.
- 42 Sweet potatoes
Six specimens.
- 43 Turnips
Tops and roots trimmed to 1-2 inches. Six specimens.
- 44 Watermelons
Long or round. Three specimens.
- 45 Horseradish
Tops trimmed to 1-2 inches. Two specimens.

Division 3: FFA Chapter Awards

Chapter Awards.

1. **FFA Chapter Awards.** Placings of individual FFA members and chapters in divisions 1 and 2.
 - A. **Point system.** 1st place, 25 points; 2nd place, 20 points; 3rd place 15 points; 4th place, 10 points; 5th place, 5 points; all other placings, 1 point.

Class Listing for FFA Chapter Awards

- 1 High Point Chapter
FFA Chapter amassing the highest total number of points. Plaque.
- 2 High Point Individual
FFA individual amassing the highest total number of points. Plaque.