

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2023

## FFA Vegetable & Potato

Superintendent..... T. J. Brown, Good Thunder, MN  
Assistant Superintendent..... Joe Ramstad, Delano, MN  
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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 2022-2023 school years, and who are active members of a FFA chapter in good standing with the state FFA association.
  - A. Must be current, paid member in good standing of the State FFA and National FFA.
2. **Entries.** Entries close Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, 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, Sept. 2, 2023, 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>	
	<b>100</b>

## Premiums for FFA Potatoes

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

## Class Listing for FFA Potatoes

- 1 Whites  
*10 specimens.*
- 2 Russets  
*10 specimens.*
- 3 Reds  
*10 specimens.*
- 4 Others  
*10 specimens.*
- 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>	
	<b>100</b>

### Premiums for FFA Vegetable Crops

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### Class Listing for FFA Vegetable Crops

- 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 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 1-2 inches. Six specimens.*
- 41 Rutabaga  
*Tops and roots trimmed 1-2 inches. Three specimens.*
- 42 Sweet potatoes  
*Six specimens.*
- 43 Turnips  
*Tops and roots trimmed 1-2 inches. Six specimens.*
- 44 Watermelons  
*Long or round. Three specimens.*
- 45 Horseradish  
*Tops trimmed 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.*