Horticultural & Garden Exhibits

Hosted by the Little Farmers Grow 4-H Club of Abbeville County

Objective:

To allow 4-H members to exhibit garden produce, plant projects, or other horticultural work they have done.

Age Categories: Open to all 4-H youth, ages 5-18, three age divisions.

Not a member? Register today! [https://v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) (Note: 2021-22 member fee is waived through August 31 for Abbeville County; renewal with fee is Sept. 1).

Timeline:

1. Contestants must own or have helped work garden/ag produce. Plants (category 1 & 2) should be in the possession of the contestant at least 1 month prior to entry (in possession by, or before August 8, 2022).
2. **Entry form must be submitted no later than September 2, 4 pm** with intentions of 4-H members exhibited items. This is an “in-office” deadline, not a postmark.
3. **Exhibit set up will be Thursday, September 8, 2022, 12 noon-5 pm**. Set up must be complete before 5pm. Set up should be the work of the youth; adults may assist.
4. Exhibits should be set to stay the entire time of the show, September 9-10, 2022. Judging will take place Friday, September 9, 2022, and awards will be placed.
   - Viewing: Sept 9, 8:30am-8:00pm; September 10, 8:00am-3:00 pm
5. Exhibits should be picked up/cleaned up between 2-3pm, on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Anything left after closing will become property of Abbeville County 4-H and/or be disposed of.
Category 1: Garden & Agricultural Exhibit

Guidelines:

1. Definitions:
   a. Agricultural Exhibit: multiple species displayed together in an arrangement, posed, or set up to showcase 4-H Members growing experience. Judged by quality of produce and exhibit details. One entry per 4-H member.
      i. Example: Display of tomatoes, herbs, beans, okra, potatoes, corn, and cucumbers all set up in an arrangement and posed together from one 4-H member.
   b. Exhibit/Display: small or large produce of single species entered for competition.
      i. Examples: a trio of tomatoes, bundle of basil, melon, or pint of berries.
      ii. Multiple “exhibits” of different produce species may be entered. (Example: 1 entry of cucumbers, 1 pint of berries, one trio of tomatoes from the same 4-H member is allowed and will be three different “exhibits” in this example).

2. Exhibit must be the produce/product of youth gardening experience. No store-bought plant/produce displayed items that were not under the care of or grown by youth.

3. Exhibit will be judged on ability to show and display garden harvest. Props may be used to pose fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

4. Judges will also grade uniformity, condition of harvest, true to form produce, and will be allowed to handle your fresh items on display.

5. Leafy produce or herbs may be potted or displayed with means to maintain freshness (water) during exhibit.

Single Entry Exhibit Examples:

Small vegetable/fruit exhibit:

- Display in multiples of 3-8
  - Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, summer squash, pears
- Displayed in quart, pint, or half pint containers
  - Berries, small fruits
In hull/shell or shelled: peas, beans, seeds, or nuts

Large vegetable exhibit:

- Display in 1-2 quantity
  - Watermelon, cantaloupe, pumpkin, etc.

Leaf produce or herbs, non-potted should be displayed in multiples of 3-8 stems/leaves.

Potted items should be in appropriately sized, un-damage pots/bags.

Dried items should be displayed in bundles of no less than 3 stems/items.

**Category 2: Plant & Horticultural Exhibits**

1. **You may enter up to two exhibits**

2. These are living exhibits, please be sure that entry can sustain its time throughout the show. All plants entered for the contest should be in contestant’s possession for at least one month before the start date. Label terrarium/container with the planting date and include your species.

   **TERRARIUMS** - Enclosed plants, made with cultivated plants and must have three or more plants. These will be judged on arrangements of plants, appropriate plants chosen, health of the plant, material used and overall appearance.

   **OPEN CONTAINER GARDEN** - Exhibits will be judged on selection of plants. Health and overall appearance. Plants maybe contained in dishes, hanging baskets, and potted plants. You must have at least three plants in container for this category.

   **INDIVIDUAL POTTED PLANT** - Exhibits will be judged on plant species being true to form. These can be succulents, trees, bushes, flowers. Single or same plant species entries (1-2 plants per pot).

3. If you choose to have living creatures inside of your terrariums, we are not responsible for the loss, death, or damage to your exhibit. Enclosed containers only.
## Category 1: Agricultural Exhibit Scoring Sheet (multiple species display)

**Contestant Name:** __________________________

(Judge: each line item has the ability to score up to 5 points; N/A = 0 points)

### Display (total pts. 20)
- _____ Overall theme is consistent
- _____ Neatness/cleanliness of display
- _____ Posed and well displayed produce (lose points for battery/electricity used)
- _____ Appropriate labeling
  - Total Points ____________

### Crop Maturity (total pts. 20)
- _____ Appropriate textures and colors of fruit and vegetables
- _____ Appropriate cleanliness
- _____ Proper development
- _____ Proper collection of crop(s)
  - Total Points ____________

### Preserving quality (total pts. 20)
- _____ Quality of produce
- _____ Appearance of harvested fruit/vegetables
- _____ Appearance of leaves (color and texture)
- _____ Appearance/quality of harvested items to
  - Total Points ____________

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Category 1: Single Entry Garden Scorecard

Contestant Name: ______________________  Exhibit: ______________________

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>Judge’s Score</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Uniformity</strong></td>
<td>All produce show significant differences</td>
<td>One item with major differences of all have minor differences</td>
<td>One item with minor differences or no differences</td>
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<td><strong>Maturity/Freshness</strong></td>
<td>All items are either immature or overly ripe</td>
<td>One item is immature or overly ripe</td>
<td>minor freshness imperfections or all items are perfect ripeness</td>
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<td><strong>Health</strong></td>
<td>All produce has major blemishes</td>
<td>One item with major imperfections or light discoloration on all produce</td>
<td>One item showing slight discoloration or no disease of deficiency symptoms on any</td>
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<td><strong>Cleanliness</strong></td>
<td>Produce is dirty or has waxy coating (1)</td>
<td>Produce has some dirt/debris</td>
<td>All produce is clean (5)</td>
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<td><strong>True to Form</strong></td>
<td>All produce is below expected size range (1)</td>
<td>One item below expected size range (3)</td>
<td>All produce is true to form (5)</td>
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Category 2: Plant & Horticultural Exhibits Scoring Sheet

**Construction (total pts. 20)**
- ___ Choice of container (total 5pts.)
- ___ Drainage (total 5pts.)
- ___ Soil level(s) appropriate to design and container (total 5pts.)
- ___ Neatness (total 5pts.)

  Total points ______

**Plant Selection (total pts.20)**
- ___ Choice appropriate for growing conditions (total 4pts.)
- ___ Similar requirements for light and moisture (total 4pts.)
- ___ Size of plants proportionate to container (total 4pts.)
- ___ Appropriate textures and colors of plants (total 4pts.)
- ___ Mature plant size suitable to container (total 4pts.)

  Total points ______

**Condition of plants (total pts. 30)**
- ___ Plants appear to be healthy (total pts. 10)
- ___ Appearance of leaves (color and texture) (total pts.10)
- ___ Appearance of blooming plants (total pts. 10)

  Total Points__________

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4-H Horticulture & Garden Exhibit Entry Form

Submit entry form no later than September 2, 2022, 4 pm to the Abbeville Co Clemson Extension Office (864-446-2276). Mail: PO Box 640, Abbeville, SC 29620
Drop off forms & Set up plants: 265 Industrial Park Rd, Abbeville, SC 29620
Scan & Email: grier@clemson.edu
See guidelines for exhibit set up & clean up times.

4-H Member’s Name ________________________________________________________________

4-H Club: ___________________________________________________________________

4-H County: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________

4-H Age Division (age as of January 1, current year)
Senior __ (14-18)  Junior __ (9-13)  Cloverbud __ (5-8, non-judged)

Category: (check all that apply; refer to guidelines for entry limitations)

Category 1:  Garden & Agricultural

☐ Single Species Entry: (Examples: Tomatoes, Cucumbers, or Basil)

List Produce Intended to Exhibit: ______________________ ______________________

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Category 1:

☐ Agricultural Display Exhibit (multiple species of produce displayed together)

Category 2:  Plant and Horticultural Exhibits

☐ Terrarium (Enclosed)

☐ Container Garden (Open, potted plants, more than 2 species)

☐ Individual Potted Plant(s)

Youth must bring all needed supplies for indoor exhibit and display. There will be no electricity or display items provided. Covered tables provided in exhibit area.