



COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPETITION

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	13 & up	Community Gardens
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.		
PREMIUMS:		
1 ST PLACE BLUE - \$75	2 ND PLACE RED - \$50	3 RD PLACE YELLOW - \$30
Entry Arrival: Monday, August 4, 2025 between 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM; use Vehicle Gate "A" (the Purveyor Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).		
Prize Checks: Available Wednesday, August 13, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Competitive Exhibits Office along with any satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.		

Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email ceoffice@ecfair.org with all questions.

Community Garden Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Ag-Grange Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Tuesday, July 29, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. When and where possible the variety name should be included to help educate the consumer.
4. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made at the front table by officials. Changes not officially recorded will result in a loss of placing and premium.
5. If an article is not brought in, the entry tag for that article must be returned to the Superintendent.
6. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry in each class.
7. **All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.**
8. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds and will be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the Fair.
9. This competition is the BEST collection of eight (8) vegetables labeled with variety. Please check the **Vegetable** premium book to see how many of each variety should be plated.

Judging Criteria: The judging of plates is based on the quality uniformity, and preparation of the specimens. Each plate is judged as excellent, good, worthy, or no award. In order to receive an award, a plate must meet all the standards for that particular award.

Excellent	Good	Worthy	No Award
Clean Free from any damage Very uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (not over 10% variation, or no noticeable) Of best market size and quality True to variety type	Free from damage (loss no more than 5% of the total weight of the vegetable Relatively uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (not over 25% variation) Of good market size and quality Fairly true to variety type	Fairly clean Free from serious damage and fairly free of minor damage (loss no more than 10% of the total weight of the vegetable) Fairly uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (less than 100% variation) Of fair market size and quality	Dirty Seriously damaged by disease, insects, or mechanical means Over mature Extremely different in size, shape, or color Not satisfactory market size (a combination of the above points may make an exhibit undesirable)



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1. School Gardens
2. Urban Gardens
3. CSA Gardens