

Judging Gardening and Horticulture

Make sure you are familiar with:

The general exhibit requirements that can be found at www.colorado4h.org

The Gardening and Horticulture score sheets you will be using when judging at Colorado County Fairs are found at www.colorado4h.org

The display tips and hints for members also available on the Colorado 4-H website.

This is a new state project.

Gardening exhibit should consist of:

A sturdy binder should include the following items, in this order:

1. A Cooperative Curriculum System (CCS) book should be completed as follows:
Gardening:
 Juniors (8-10) –See Them Sprout
 Intermediates (11-13) –Let's Get Growing
 Seniors (14 and older)—Take Your Pick
 Seniors (14 and older) –Growing Profits

The gardening project focuses on activities related to vegetable gardening: planning, planting, experimenting, understanding soils, seeds, insects, plant care, harvesting, processing, exploring careers, etc.

Lower levels (units 1 & 2) are designed for younger or less experienced gardeners. Upper levels (units 3 & 4) are for older more experienced gardeners. A 4-H member may complete a level book in one or two years (in Level A –Unit 1 or B ---Unit 2), or take up to three years to complete (in Level C---Unit 3 or D—Unit 4).

2. Completed e-record with attachments related to the activities chosen in manual. Appropriate sections in the manual completed, and other drawings or attachments related to activities in the manual.
3. A showboard illustrating a topic investigated during the project year.

Horticulture exhibit should consist of:

All units are for the three different age categories.

1. A Cooperative Curriculum System (CCS) book should be completed.
2. Completed e-record with attachments related to the activities chosen in manual. Appropriate sections in the manual completed, and other drawings or attachments related to activities in the manual.
3. A showboard illustrating a topic investigated during the project year.

The horticulture project explores activities in growing flowers, herbs, house plants, container gardens, landscaping, terrariums, dish gardens, careers, etc.

This project is designed as a progressive project where each unit builds on the next. Lower units are designed for younger or less experienced members. Upper units are for older or more experienced members. A 4-H member may complete a unit in one year or take up to three years to complete all unit activities.

Extra things to look for:

1. Pictures of activities they have participated in
2. Sharing the information they learned through talks, demonstrations, and displays
3. Neatness and legibility in the manual and showboard
4. Quality of completion in the manual