

Summer Squash Exhibit



4-H is a community of young people who are learning **leadership**, **citizenship** and **life skills**.

The summer squash exhibit allows you to display the summer squash that you have grown in your garden. The exhibit is judged on each squash's condition and quality, and required number of specimen.

Tips to Consider When Displaying Your Summer Squash

- Three squash of the same variety are required for this exhibit.
- Select summer squash free of insect damage, disease, and mishandling.
- Only exhibit summer squash that has been thoroughly cleaned.
- Display summer squash that are at the perfect stage for eating. Do not include summer squash that are underripe or overripe.
- Avoid summer squash that are shriveled or have blemishes.
- Select summer squash that are the same size, shape, color, degree of maturity and displayed in the same manner. All specimens in an exhibit should show uniformity.
- Do not remove stems from your summer squash. Stems should remain on squash when being displayed.

Visit the 4-H Horticulture webpage, <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/horticulture> for the Kentucky State Fair guidelines and scoresheet for this project.

References:

KY State Fair Catalog, Division 6015 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science Entries

KY State Fair Evaluation Sheet, Lot 6015, Class 586

Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables, UK Extension Publication 4BC-08PO

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Project Idea

Grow several different varieties of summer squash. Which is your favorite? Why?

Materials Needed

- White paper plate
- Sealable plastic bag
- 3 summer squash

State Fair Information

- Division 6015: 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science
- Class 586: Squash, summer

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