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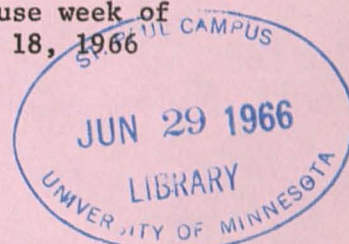
# Yard 'n' Garden



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## EXHIBITING VEGETABLES

Part of the fun of gardening is showing the results at county fairs or garden club shows. Two of the important aspects of an exhibit are quality and showmanship.

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First of all, check the premium list to be sure you have the exact number of specimens. If the exhibit is to be educational, the specimens should be labeled as to variety. The exhibit also should be true to the varietal type as labeled. It should not look like another variety.

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Good quality refers to freedom from damage by insects and disease. The produce should be at its best stage of edible maturity. Overmature and immature vegetables should not be shown. Avoid entering lettuce, spinach, and other leafy vegetables that often wilt if not properly conditioned. Parsley is best shown as a house plant.

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Good showmanship involves selecting uniform specimens in size, shape, color and maturity. The vegetables should be clean and free of any soil. Avoid scrubbing root crops or removing too many scales from onions or wrapper leaves from cabbage.

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Leave 1½ inches of top on root crops. Tap roots of beets should be trimmed to 1½ inches. Don't remove the stems from beans but show tomatoes without stems. Sweet corn should always be shown in the husk and quality should be in the milk stage. Leave a small portion of stem on all cucumbers exhibited.

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