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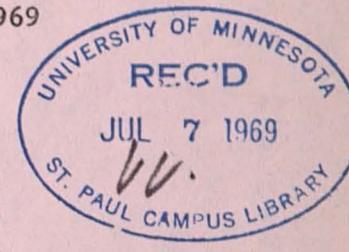
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## EXHIBITING VEGETABLES

Part of the fun of gardening is showing some of your produce at county fairs or other exhibitions. There are a number of important points to consider when selecting and preparing materials for exhibit.

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Be sure to check the premium list so you have exactly the correct number of specimens. Label the specimens according to variety.

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Harvest several specimens and select only those having no blemishes caused by insects or diseases. Select for uniformity in size, shape, color and maturity. Avoid overgrown specimens, since it's not always the largest specimen that has the best quality.

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All vegetables should be clean. Washing is permitted for potatoes and root crops. Wash only lightly and don't scrub so the skin is bruised.

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Showmanship includes proper trimming. Root crops should have tops removed 1½ inches from the crown. Tap roots of beets are trimmed to leave 1½ inches below the ball. Don't skin onions -- each bulb should have a firm, tight, dry skin and the necks should be small and well cured.

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Cabbage should be sound and heavy with two or three outside wrapper leaves. The base of the stem should be neatly trimmed.

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Exhibit sweet corn in the husk. Husks should be fresh and green and the silks should be dry. Shanks of the ears should be uniformly trimmed, and corn should be at its prime quality.

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Tomatoes should be uniform in color, with stems removed. Beans and peas should be exhibited in the pod and the small stem should remain at the end of each pod.

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