

GARDEN VEGETABLE

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Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Thursday, July 23	9:00 AM - NOON	Section 1, Section 2, & Best Decorated Vegetable Entry Drop Off	Dover Building
Wednesday, July 29	9:00 AM - NOON	Section 3 Entry Drop Off	Dover Building
Sunday, August 2	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Entries must be removed from the grounds	Dover Building

Arrival & Departure:

1. **Section 1:** Entries in this section (Classes 1 thru 45) are to be brought to the Dover Building between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 23.
2. **Section 2:** Entries in this section (Classes 46 thru 65) are to be brought to the Dover Building between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 23.
3. **Section 3:** Entries in this section (Classes 66 thru 112) are to be brought to the Dover Building between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 29.
4. **Best Decorated Vegetable:** Entries must be brought to the Dover Building between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 23.
5. Judging will begin at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 23 and at 1:00 PM Wednesday, July 29. Exhibitors are requested to remain outside the building while the judging of exhibits is in progress. The building will open to exhibitors as soon as judging is completed.
6. All Exhibits must be removed between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 2.

General Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Delaware State Fair's Website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. The Dover Building will open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. (except when there is judging in the department). Exhibitors in this department are asked to read and observe the rules governing this department.
4. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.
5. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.

Department Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be five (5) years old, as of January 1, 2026, to enter into the department.
2. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not be responsible in any way for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.
3. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.)
4. On Thursday, July 23 or Wednesday, July 29, competitors who wish to deliver their entries to the Dover Building via car before 11:45 AM must do so by going to Exhibitor's Gate 2 (near the Quillen Arena) where they will be given a temporary permit that will allow them to drive to the Raughley Street entrance of the Dover Building. Your vehicle **MUST BE REMOVED** from the grounds and moved into the regular parking lot prior to 12:00 NOON.
5. With an effort toward keeping our garden vegetable display looking fresh for the duration of the Fair, we are again offering duplicate classifications for some classes. Please feel free to enter both classifications. Our only reminder is that if you enter Class No. 1 and Class No. 66, (Best Arranged Display) you are responsible for removing Class No. 1 before placement of Class No. 66.
6. **Vegetables should be clean and free from dirt, however, do not scrub or damage the skin.**
7. Peck basket exhibits must be entered in standard peck basket containers. Paper bags or other such containers will not be accepted.
8. The same vegetables entered in displays cannot compete for individual premiums.
9. Vegetables must be raised and owned by the exhibitor.
10. Vegetables must be grown in the current year.
11. All exhibits must be labeled with the name of the variety.
12. The Fair may withhold premium when exhibits are considered unworthy.
13. Ribbons won will be mailed following the Fair.
14. **Exhibits become the property of the Delaware State Fair.**



SECTION 1

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$29.25	\$18.75	\$12.75	\$7.75

Class #	Class Description
1	Arranged display of at least 8 varieties of vegetables, fresh or green from 1 Farm and grown by the exhibitor Area judged consists of 3 shelves 10" x 30" each Shelves for Class 1 provided by Fair

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$15.50	\$10.00	\$7.75	\$5.50

Class #	Class Description
2	Garden display in a movable container. No larger than 2' x 2'.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$10.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$2.75

Class #	Class Description
3	1 Dozen Yellow Wax Beans in pods
4	1 Dozen Green Snap Beans in pods
5	1 Dozen Bush Lima Beans in pods
6	1 Dozen Pole Lima Beans in pods
7	3 table Beets, topped
8	1 Head of Cabbage, peeled
9	Heaviest head of Cabbage, unpeeled
10	3 Carrots, topped
11	3 ears White Sugar Corn, in husks
12	3 ears Yellow Sugar Corn, in husks
13	3 ears Bi-Colored Sugar Corn, in husks
14	3 pickling Cucumbers
15	1 Bunch of ½ dozen Radishes, topped
16	3 stalks Rhubarb, topped
17	3 Yellow Squash, crook neck
18	3 Yellow Squash, straight
19	3 Green Squash
20	3 Squash, flat
21	3 Butternut Squash
22	3 Red Tomatoes, slicing type
23	3 Green Tomatoes, slicing type

Class #	Class Description
24	3 Yellow Tomatoes, slicing type
25	3 Red Italian Tomatoes
26	1 Dozen Red Cherry Tomatoes
27	1 Dozen Grape Tomatoes
28	Plant of Celery, potted
29	1 Cantaloupe
30	1 Leek (6 in a bunch)
31	6 Cherry Peppers
32	3 Green Bell Peppers
33	3 Banana Peppers
34	3 Yellow Bell Peppers
35	3 Cayenne Peppers
36	3 Jalapeno Peppers
37	3 Burpless Cucumbers
38	3 Long Green Slicing Cucumbers
39	1 Purple Eggplant
40	1 White Eggplant
41	1 Purple/White mixed Eggplant
42	1 Bunch of Herbs
43	1 Bunch of Parsley
44	1 Bunch of Kale
45	3 Garlic Bulbs

SECTION 2

Baskets will be provided by Delaware State Fair.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$15.00	\$7.75	\$5.50	\$2.75

Class #	Class Description
46	1 Peck basket early White Skin Potatoes
47	1 Peck basket early Red Skin Potatoes
48	1 Peck Red Tomatoes, slicing type

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$10.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$2.75

Class #	Class Description
49	1 Bunch of Horseradish, topped
50	1 Citron
51	1 Painted/Decorated Gourd from previous growing season
52	1 Most Unusual Shaped Gourd

Class #	Class Description
53	3 Kohlrabi
54	3 Mangel
55	3 pods of Okra
56	3 White Onions, displayed unpeeled
57	3 Red Onions, displayed unpeeled
58	3 Yellow Onions, displayed unpeeled
59	1 Peck basket Sweet Potatoes
60	1 Field Pumpkin
61	Heaviest Field Pumpkin
62	1 Watermelon, Miniature Size
63	Heaviest Watermelon
64	Miniature Vegetable Miscellaneous
65	Best Decorated Home Grown Vegetable

SECTION 3

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$29.25	\$18.75	\$12.75	\$7.75

Class #	Class Description
66	Arranged display of at least 8 varieties of vegetables, fresh or green from 1 Farm and grown by the exhibitor Area judged consists of 3 shelves, 10" x 30" each Shelves for Class 66 provided by the Fair

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$15.50	\$10.00	\$7.75	\$5.50

Class #	Class Description
67	Garden display in a moveable container. No larger than 2' x 2'.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$15.00	\$7.75	\$5.50	\$2.75

Class #	Class Description
68	1 Peck Basket Red Tomatoes, Slicing Type

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\$10.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$2.75

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69	1 Dozen Yellow Wax Beans in pods
70	1 Dozen Green Snap Beans in pods
71	1 Dozen Bush Lima Beans in pods
72	1 Dozen Pole Lima Beans in pods
73	3 Table Beets, topped
74	1 Head of Cabbage, peeled
75	Heaviest head of Cabbage, unpeeled
76	3 Carrots, topped
77	3 Ears of White Sugar Corn, in husks
78	3 Ears Yellow Sugar Corn, in husks
79	3 Ears Bi-Colored Sugar Corn, in husks
80	3 Pickling Cucumbers
81	1 Bunch ½ dozen Radishes, topped
82	3 stalks Rhubarb, topped
83	3 Yellow Squash, crook neck
84	3 Yellow Squash, straight
85	3 Green Squash
86	3 Squash, flat
87	3 Red Tomatoes, slicing type
88	3 Green Tomatoes, slicing type
89	3 Yellow Tomatoes, slicing type
90	3 Red Italian Tomatoes
91	1 Dozen Red Cherry Tomatoes
92	1 Dozen Grape Tomatoes
93	1 Plant of Celery, potted
94	1 Cantaloupe
95	1 Leek (6 in bunch)
96	6 Cherry Peppers
97	3 Green Bell Peppers
98	3 Banana Peppers
99	3 Yellow Bell Peppers
100	3 Cayenne Peppers
101	3 Jalapeno Peppers
102	3 Burpless Cucumbers
103	3 Long Green Slicing Cucumbers
104	1 Purple Eggplant
105	1 White Eggplant
106	1 Purple/White Mixed Eggplant
107	1 Bunch of Herbs
108	1 Bunch of Parsley
109	1 Bunch of Kale
110	3 Pods of Okra
111	3 Garlic Bulbs
112	Miniature Vegetable, Miscellaneous

Overall Awards

Kenny McIlvain Memorial Award

Awarded to the exhibitor with the most Blue Ribbons won in the Garden Vegetable Department

Richard Bennett Memorial Award

Awarded to the exhibitor with the most entries brought in.

Superintendent's Award

Awarded to the exhibitor by the Superintendent

Award Winners
\$20.00 & Rosette