



2024 St. John the Baptist 4-H Gardening Contest



The purpose of the gardening contest is to allow youth to learn how to grow and take care of a vegetable garden.

Who's Eligible: Enrolled St. John the Baptist 4-H members in grades 4 through 12.

Rules:

1. Garden must be worked primarily by 4-H members. Adults may assist with spading, rototilling, and control for insects and disease problems.
2. Gardens may be an individual plot or may be connected to a family garden. If connected to a family plot, rows must be marked off (stakes, string, etc.) and maintained by the 4-H member.
3. Gardens may be a flat or raised bed or may be a container grown garden. Gardens with rows should have at least 2 rows that are 4-8 feet long each.
4. Each garden **MUST** have the four following vegetables planted in it: tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, **and beans**. Below is a listing of additional vegetables that you can use in your garden and those that are required.
5. All participants must submit a photo journal showing a minimum of 10 photos of the progression of your gardens.

ROOT CROPS

- Peanuts (seeds)
- Shallots (transplants)
- Sweet Potatoes (Slips)

HEAVY FRUITED-LEAFY VEGETABLES

- Collards (seed)
- Corn (seed)
- Eggplant (transplant)
- Okra (Seed)
- Pepper (transplants)

VINEY-VEGETABLES

- Cantaloupe (seed)
- Pumpkin (seed)
- Squash (Seed)
- Watermelons (Seed)
- Zucchini (Seed)

A row may have more than one crop. For example, half may be planted in tomatoes and the other half may be some bean.

Judging will take place in late May/early June; we recommend you plant early and consider using transplants where possible to have the maximum production. Harvest any vegetables that are ripe, do not let them go to waste! Eat or give them away when they are ripe, and remember to keep a digital photo journal for the judges to look at.

The photo journal can be submitted in any way 4-H members wish. Examples include poster board, portfolio, picture book, digitally, etc. Be sure to include captions for each photo, and you will have a minimum of 10 photos.

The deadline to submit photos is **Friday, May 3, 2024**

The deadline to register to participate in the 2024 Gardening Contest is **Friday, March 15, 2024**

Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/uh9nctps3C>



2024 St. John the Baptist 4-H Gardening Contest Judging Rubric



Variety of Vegetables	10 points
Insect Control and Disease Control	10 points
Weed Control	10 points
Quality of Vegetables (maturity of plants)	10 points
Neatness & General Appearance	10 points
Interview with Judges	30 points
Photo Journal	20 points
Total Possible Points	100 points

DEFINITION OF TERMS

SEED - Plants grown from sowing seed in soil (direct seeding).

SLIP - Plants grown from cutting vegetables.

TRANSPLANTS - Young plants that are already growing can be taken from their containers and planted directly into the garden.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place awards will be given.

