

2024 4-H VEGETABLE MARKETING PROJECT

Fulton & Montgomery Counties

The Vegetable Marketing Project provides youth with an opportunity to grow vegetables, experiment with garden practices, and earn money by marketing their produce. A large garden is not necessary.

The 4-H program provides seeds, plants and several classes throughout the project focusing on planning your garden, starting seeds, transplanting, general upkeep of your garden, harvesting & selection, marketing, entrepreneurship, and exhibition of produce. Youth participants will also visit several local growers and sellers of produce to learn about various aspects of the market. Vegetable Market gardening works well as a small group project. When several youth who live in the same area take on the project, they can work and learn together with a mentor and market produce conveniently. The adult mentor can be any interested and willing adult. Check with the 4-H office for volunteer requirements.

The Vegetable Marketing Project is suitable for any type of garden, be it city, suburban or country. In addition to learning Entrepreneurship, youth will be asked to "Grow A Row" for the hungry as a community service project.

Each participant will receive 6 started Broccoli plants, 6 started Cherry Tomato plants, 12 started Lettuce plants. In addition, participants may choose three from the following list: Zucchini, Sugar Snap Peas, Butternut Squash, Radishes, Green Beans and Cucumbers. (1 seed packet each)

To sign up for the Vegetable Marketing Project, return the registration form to the 4-H Office by March 25, 2024 with \$20 registration fee. This project is open to 4-H youth ages 8-18.

VEGETABLE MARKETING WORKSHOPS

Series dates	<u>Topic</u>	Location (note all start at 6pm)		
Monday, April 1st Monday, April 29 th	Introduction & Planning Your Garden	Annex – Room 214 Annex – Room 214		
Tuesday, May 28 th	Garden Upkeep & Management Transplanting Started Plants	Grey's Gardens		
Monday, June 17th	Harvesting & Marketing	Annex – Room 214		
Monday, July 15th	Preparation & Selection for Exhibition	Philia Farm		

Summer Farm Business Visits:

Several local produce farm visits will occur in June and July.

Exact locations, dates and times for farm visits will be advertised to program participants when available.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

- . Plant any seeds and plants provided through the project.
- . Take care of and harvest my garden.
- . Participate in Vegetable Marketing workshops and business visits.
- . Keep accurate records and up-to-date records of your garden.
- . Market top quality produce either through local produce businesses or through a personal vegetable stand.
- Exhibit vegetables in 4-H at the Fonda Fair.
- . Submit your 4-H Record Book by October 15th, which include a project summary about what you learned in this project

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VEGETABLE MARKETING ADULT MENTOR

. Assist youth with any questions that may arise during their time in this project.

VEGETABLE MARKETING PROJECT RESOURCES

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VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE

Vegetable	Depth to Plant Seed (Inches)	Inches Between Rows	Inches Between Plants	Approximate Yield from 10 Foot Row	When to Plant	Average Days Until Harvest
Broccoli	Transplant	18	18	8 plants	May 20-June 10	45
Tomatoes, Cherry	Transplant	60-72	18-24	20-30 lbs	May 20-June 10	70-80
Lettuce	Transplant	18	12	10 heads	May 20-Sept 1	50-70
Zucchini	1 1	36-48	18-24	15 lbs.	May 20-June 10	50-60
Sugar Snap Peas	1	24-36	3	2-3 pints	April 1-May 15	60-75
Butternut Squash	1	60-96	36-48	10-20 lbs.	June 10	80-90
Radishes	1/4"	7	1	10 bunches	May 20-Sept 1	45
Green Beans	1	18	4	6 quarts	June 10-Aug 10	50
Cucumbers	1	48	12-18	10-30 lbs.	May 20-June 10	50-70

- 1. Use the form below to draw a diagram of your garden.
- 2. Mark the <u>length</u> and <u>width</u>. Use North and South references on form to accurately plan.
- 3. Now figure the <u>row feet</u> for each individual vegetable. Multiply the length of your row by the number of rows of that vegetable. For example, 3 rows of sugar snap peas, each 10 feet long equals 30 row feet of snap peas.

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4-H VEGETABLE MARKETING PROJECT REGISTRATION — 2024

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I have read the above and will co	ooperate in meeting the requirements.	
YES NO		
SIGNED (Parent/Guardian)		
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APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 4-H OFFICE NO LATER THAN March 25th, 2024

Each participant will receive all started plants listed below (Broccoli, Cherry Tomatoes & Lettuce). In addition, participants may choose three more listed vegetables to receive by selecting with an "X" in the left column. Participants are not limited to only these vegetables in their garden. If desired, participants are welcome to grow additional types of vegetables. However, the focus of the workshops in this project will be concentrated on the vegetables listed below. Any additional vegetables must be purchased individually from an outside source.

Select (X)	Vegetable	Number of plants/seed packets		
X	Broccoli	6 started plants		
X	Tomatoes, Cherry	6 started plants		
X	Lettuce	12 started plants		
	Zucchini	1 packet of seeds		
	Sugar Snap Peas	1 packet of seeds		
	Butternut Squash 1 packet of			
	Radishes	1 packet of seeds		
	Green Beans	1 packet of seeds		
	Cucumbers	1 packet of seeds		

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If you intend to grow additional types of vegetables in your garden,