

## Grow Your Own Vegetables - 691 Project Guide Book

### Project Description

Spade up your garden! In this project, you'll grow a vegetable garden. You will also do experiments and other activities which are described in the project book. This is a beginning level project designed for 9 to 14 year old members. This project can be completed in one year. It can be taken a second year by increasing the number and variety of vegetables grown.

### To Complete this Project

1. Complete all 11 activities and all of the Talking It Over questions.
2. Start your garden plot or container garden by early to mid-April for cool season crops and by mid to late May for warm season crops. You are encouraged to pick a spot that gets at least 6 hours of sun a day.
3. Grow a minimum of four different vegetable varieties.
4. Document your work with a journal and/or pictures.
5. Take part in at least 2 learning experiences.
6. Take part in at least 2 citizenship/leadership activities.

Take part in a project review. If you choose not to participate in judging at the fair, make arrangements to discuss and review completion of your project with your advisor.

### Judging of this Project

This project will be judged as part of Special Interest Judging:

at the Union County Fair on Saturday immediately prior to the start of the fair  
OR  
at the Richwood Fair on Sunday immediately prior to the start of the fair

Your advisor will tell you a more specific judging time later in the summer. At the specific judging time assigned to you, **bring your completed project book, your documentation, and a sample of your vegetables.** You will participate in an interview judging and then leave your exhibit (a display of your project) on display the entire week of the fair.

### Project Display

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you learned and accomplished in your project. An appropriate display for this project would be samples of your vegetables. You may need to walk a distance from your parked vehicle to judging, plan accordingly. You may choose to bring additional items to show the judge your project work that you do not leave on display. This is acceptable. You must however, leave something on display the entire week. **Your project book cannot serve as your project display.** Plan your display item carefully: fragile, valuable, or items that will be damaged by dust are not a good idea.

### Display Areas

At the Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be displayed in the Armory. At the Richwood Fair these projects will be displayed in the Jr. Fair Building.

### **Project Pick-Up**

You must pick up your project display at the end of the fair, or arrange for someone to get it for you. At Union County Fair, Special Interest Projects will be released on Saturday of the fair from 4 p.m. -5 p.m. Projects not picked up by 5 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities. At the Richwood Fair, all Special Interest Projects will be released at 3 p.m. on Monday of the fair and should be removed by 9 p.m.

### **Award Presentation**

Union County Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Tuesday of the fair at the Armory.

Richwood Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program during the fair. Check the fair paper for the day, time, and location of this program.

### **Ohio State Fair Opportunity**

This project **Does** have the opportunity to be displayed at The Ohio State Fair. Any 4-H'er who wishes to compete for an opportunity to display this project at The Ohio State Fair must participate in judging at the Union County Fair, as described above. Union County representatives to The Ohio State Fair will be chosen as part of Union County Fair judging. Display should be the one used at their county fair.