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General rules apply to vegetable entries

Home gardeners who like competition can begin preparing their best vegetable produce for local judging competition at the Morrow County Fair.

The first step in entering vegetables in fair for judging competitions is getting a copy of the Fair Book, which contains exhibition rules for vegetables. The 1995 Fair books are available from the Fair of-

rice and the Extension office. Follow the specific rules for exhibiting vegetables.

Here are five guidelines for selecting winning vegetables used by judges:

Trueness to type-this simply means selecting vegetables that look like they're supposed to. For example, tomatoes are supposed to be evenly round, so don't select one that is oblong and looks like a squash in shape.

Quality and condition-fair judges look for vegetables that are at their best for eating. Select normal-sized vegetables that are ready to serve. Vegetables scarred by insects should not be entered. Also discard vegetables marred by disease, rough handling or careless cul-

tivation. Uniformity-entry vegetables should be similar in size, shape, color, texture and stage of maturity.

Size-contrary to popular opinion, large entries do not have competitive edge over other entries (except for special entries such as largest pumpkin, watermelon, or head of cabbage). Largeness suggests coarseness, overmaturity and possible poor quality. Medium-sized vegetables are more typical of a variety and most desired.

Cleanliness-dirt detracts from the natural attractiveness and conveys an unfavorable impression to judges and the public.

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Pet show popular perennial event



The pet show is a popular event at the fair

A popular activity at the fair again this year will be the Pet Show. As in past years, it will be held on Wednesday, August 16, at 1:30 p.m. A pet and owner dress-alike contest will follow.

Children up to age 12 are welcome to show off their favorite pet.

Remember to leash your pet so it doesn't get away from you.

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4-H enrollment strong



L-R: 4-H members Kandra Schmeltzer, Julie Proctor, Brittni Padberg and volunteer superintendent Sheridan Tarnasky, giving awards after style revue.

The 4-H membership is 305 and we have 82 volunteer leaders. There are 167 enrolled in home economics and 233 enrolled in livestock. The horse program has 56 members. As you can see, many of the members are enrolled in more than one project area. There are 43 home economics leaders, 43 livestock leaders and 14 horse leaders.

You can enjoy the public Style Revue Show, Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m., on the outdoor stage at the Fairgrounds. All other home eco-

nomics entries will be judged by the time fair opens on Wednesday for your viewing pleasure. Home economics contests will be taking place Wednesday through Friday.

The 4-H livestock conformation will be Thursday, August 17, in the morning. Showmanship will be Friday, August 18, in the morning and the round-robin will start about 3 p.m. that afternoon.

Plan on coming to the 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 19 at 6 p.m., in the Beef Pavilion.




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