



V is for Virginia School Gardens (2009)

This new division is a collaboration between the State Fair of Virginia and Virginia 4-H. As a pilot program for 2009, entries are limited to schools from Hanover, Powhatan, Surry, Middlesex and the City of Richmond. This program is to encourage the use of gardens as learning environments especially those that grow Virginia crops.

Schools who plan to enter this division must register with their local Extension Office by 1 July. One entry per school.

Parameters for the display at the State Fair of Virginia

Students will create an exhibit (including a poster) to display the impacts that the project had on their educational curriculum at their school.

- Posters cannot be any smaller than 22" x 28" and no larger than 44" x 36". Must be freestanding. Trifold science fair display boards recommended.
- Posters must be created by the students who participated in the school garden. Technology can be used to create the poster as it does not have to be done by hand.
- Products grown in the garden (not pictures) must be displayed in a creative/neat arrangement in front of poster.
- The poster should include the following information:
 - Number of students who participated in the project
 - Name of School, School District, County
 - Number of adults who assisted with the project
 - Number of hours dedicated to complete the project
 - Cost of the project to the school – note sponsors where appropriate
 - Science, history, english, math etc. skills that were targeted and achieved during the project
 - State at least 3 major objectives the students learned as a result of completing this project
 - A group photo of the students is encouraged
 - Photos of students working on the project are encouraged, but copyrighted pictures or other material may NOT be used.
- The awards and incentives will be according to three categories (Elementary : K-5, Middle : 6-8, High: 9-12)