

Cantaloupe Exhibit



The cantaloupe exhibit allows you to display the cantaloupe that you have grown in your garden. Each cantaloupe exhibited is judged on the melon's condition and quality.

Tips to Consider When Displaying Your Cantaloupe

- One whole, intact melon is required for this exhibit.
- Select a cantaloupe that is free from insect damage, disease, and mishandling.
- Select a melon that is at the perfect stage for eating. Do not include a melon that is underripe or overripe. The judge may "plug" the cantaloupe to check the ripeness of the melon (this simply means a plug or piece will be cut out of the melon by the judge so he/she can examine the flesh of the melon).
- Select a melon that is uniform and true-to-type for shape, size, and color.
- Exhibit the melon without the stem. A stem that slips off the melon naturally is generally mature. The stem end should be calloused and sunken.

Visit the 4-H Horticulture webpage, <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/horticulture> for the Kentucky State Fair guidelines and scoresheet for this project.

References:

KY State Fair Catalog, Division 6015 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science Entries
 KY State Fair Evaluation Sheet, Lot 6015, Class 585
 Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables, UK Extension Publication 4BC-08PO
 Musk Melon (Cantaloupe) Profile, UK Extension Publication CCD-CP-105

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Project Idea

Grow several different varieties of cantaloupe. Which is your favorite? Why?

Materials Needed

- White paper plate
- Sealable plastic bag
- 1 whole cantaloupe

State Fair Information

- Division 6015: 4-H Horticulture and Plant Science
- Class 585: Cantaloupe Exhibit

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