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4-H Garden Project

In this project youth will learn

- ➤ how to properly prepare soil for optimum vegetable production in the garden
- ➤ how to identify various diseases and insects in the garden
- ➤ to identify technical sources (county agent, Master Gardeners, nursery personnel, books, etc.) for solving garden problems
- > to keep records

In this project you will

- > Participate in one garden demonstration at your club meeting
- ➤ One exhibit at a county or state fair

Required Publications:

- ➤ Publication 100.BH-4, 4-H Garden Project and Record Book
- ➤ Circular 457, Home Vegetable Gardening in New Mexico
- ➤ Circular 457-B, Growing Zones, Recommended Crop Varieties, and Planning and Harvesting Information for Home Vegetable Gardens in New Mexico
- ➤ Guide H-216, When to Harvest Vegetables

Material that are included with this project

- ➤ 4-H Project Record Sheet 300 A-7 (R-2002)
- ➤ Publication 100.BH-4, 4-H Garden Project and Record Book
- ➤ Circular 457, Home Vegetable Gardening in New Mexico
- ➤ 4-H Garden Project Greentop #

Requirements:

- Review your project book, record sheet and greentop to become familiar with the project before first Project meeting or practice.
- > Complete the General Project Guidelines.
- Participate in club and county, district or state contests
- > Participate at county and state fairs
- For completion of the 4-H Garden Project, complete the record sheet and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent.
- ➤ Project requirements vary according to First Year or Second Year.

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Items made can be exhibited at local fairs depending on your experience:

- ➤ Vegetables from your garden in the local county fairs.
- Demonstration project

Leadership Activities

- ➤ Give a talk or demonstration about your gardening at your club or county contest.
- Assist with fairs or Achievement Day in your county.
- > Organize a tour to a local nursery for members of your gardening group.
- ➤ Teach another person one of your skills you've learned.

Citizenship Activities

- ➤ Participate in gardening activities sponsored by Master Gardener's or initiate your own.
- ➤ Donate vegetables to your local Nursing Home or Senior Center.
- > Donate vegetables items for a 4-H Fundraiser.

Other related projects/publications

- > Yard and Garden, Dr. Curtis Smith, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service
- ➤ Backyard Composting H-110
- ➤ Seed Propagation of Plants, H-112
- ➤ Mulches for Garden and Landscape, H-121
- ➤ Other publications available on line at cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs/

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