

HORTICULTURE CONTEST

I. Eligibility

- A. Read general rules.
- B. Two teams per county or a maximum of eight participants.

II. Procedures

The Horticulture Contest is composed of three sections:

- 1. Identification 200 points
- 2. Judging 200 points
- 3. Information 100 points

A. Identification

Contestant will be given 40 minutes to identify 40 horticulture plants or products through the use of live specimens from the following areas:

- Flowers & Indoor Plants – specimens will consist of foliage or flowers
- Landscape Ornamentals – specimens will consist of foliage or flowers
- Fruits, Nuts & Berries – specimens will consist of the fruit
- Vegetables – specimens will consist of the edible portion

Each contestant will be given 1 minute per specimen then rotated to the next specimen for a total of 40 minutes for 40 specimens. Specimens will be grouped by list area.

*Lists are available in PDF format. Lists were updated in 2017 – be sure you have the most current version.

B. Judging

Contestant will have 30 minutes to place four classes of horticulture plants or products on the basis of quality and condition. Classes will be made up of cut flowers, potted plants, balled and burlapped or container grown nursery plants, and fresh fruits or fresh vegetables. Each class equals 50 points. Judging criteria comes from the National Junior Horticulture Association.

C. Information Section

Contestant will have 30 minutes to answer 50 multiple choice or true/false questions. Questions will come from the National Junior Horticulture Association Study Materials. Each question will be worth 2 points.

*2017 – Test questions will come from Judging Horticulture Products; Fruit Nut Production; Commercial Horticulture Production.

D. Regulations:

1. The superintendent will divide the participants into groups so that not more than one participant from each team will be in the same group. The superintendent will be responsible for distributing and collecting the placing cards.
2. While judging, participants will confer with no one except the group leader of their section, or the superintendent of the contest. Offenders may have their scantron pulled.
3. In case of a tie, the total ID scores on this sample will be used to determine the winner.

III. References

A. National Junior Horticulture Association Study Materials –

<http://njha.org/contests-projects-activities/horticulture-identification-judging-contest/>

*2017 Chapters:

- a. Judging Horticulture Products: <http://njha.org/contests-projects-activities/horticulture-identification-judging-contest/judging-horticulture-products/>
 - b. Fruit Nut Production: <http://njha.org/contests-projects-activities/horticulture-identification-judging-contest/fruit-and-nut-production/>
 - c. Commercial Horticulture Production: <http://njha.org/contests-projects-activities/horticulture-identification-judging-contest/commercial-horticulture-production/>
- B. National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Horticulture Products
<http://njha.org/contests-projects-activities/horticulture-identification-judging-contest/judging-horticulture-products/>
- C. Horticulture Scantron
- D. NM 4-H Horticulture ID Sheet (Flowers & Indoor Plants, Landscape Ornamentals, Fruits, Nuts & Berries, and Vegetable) Revised 2016.

IV. Awards

- A. High Point team will receive a banner and medals. Second through fifth place teams will receive ribbons. High Point Individuals receive a medal and a plaque. Second through fifth place individuals will receive ribbons.

High Point team may attend the National 4-H Horticulture Contest, held in conjunction with the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention. In the event the High Point Team is unable to attend, the opportunity may be offered to the second place team.