

# 4-H H Fantastic 4-H Field Day Vegetable Identification Activity

Hosted by Mission 4-H

Saturday, February 22<sup>th</sup> 2025, Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City



Be sure your member has pre-registered for this large annual event. Click here to ensure there is a spot for you: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=44018>

The purpose of this educational activity is to provide an opportunity for those who want to become knowledgeable about Vegetable Identification contests to:

- Show their skills and attempt to continue on to a level of future competition.
- Show members the areas they would need to know to participate in the vegetable identification contests at local Fairs. Or, at a state level competition.

We realize that the majority of 4-Hers are not familiar with 4-H Vegetable Judging and this will be an opportunity to participate and learn more about vegetable identification and judging.

For members who do not have experience in Vegetable Identification, you are encouraged to review the study guide prior to the event to learn.

## **Guidelines:**

1. All Monterey County 4-Hers are invited to participate in the Field Day 4-H Vegetable Identification activity to build their skills for the future. This is a 20 minute timed rotation.
2. The Vegetable Identification committee will provide a table with both photos and actual varieties of vegetable, insects and seeds at Fantastic Field day.
3. The California Curricular Activities Code can serve as the study guide: <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-activities-code> (Vegetable Crop Judging)  
Parents and guardians are asked not to assist with the answers during the activity.

## **Details:**

The activity will consist of 25 identification specimens on a table. The specimens may include vegetables, weeds, insects, diseases, seeds, transplants and market defects.

Members will be handed a paper form to fill out. They will be given instructions from the committee on what to do. Members will walk around the table and look at the items. They can write down their answers to the best of their ability. This is not a judged event! Items on the table can be touched!

The form will be broken down into the plant science categories - Vegetable identification, Seed Identification, Weed Identification and Insect Identification.

Pens and paper are provided. Members will be told when the time is up. Members will turn in their answers to the committee. Once members complete the activity, the hosting club will review the answers so members can learn more about this activity or future contests and the value of agriculture in our community.

Club leaders are encouraged to use this skill builder activity at a meeting along with the cards filled out to build on these skills for a future contest at a local fair.

Questions? Contact the Mission 4-H club at: [csrubbo@razzolink.com](mailto:csrubbo@razzolink.com)



**Ready to learn more? Check out these resources:**

[https://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET\\_Projects/Animal/SLJC/](https://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET_Projects/Animal/SLJC/)

<https://na.eventscloud.com/website/55508/plant-science-contest/>

<https://4-h.org/about/blog/clover-gardening-plant-science/>

<https://4-h.org/clover/activities/appreciating-the-power-of-plants/>



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