

HORTICULTURE JUDGING

Quality factors and point values to be considered when judging classes of horticulture products.

When judging or preparing exhibits of horticulture products, one should consider these items. Materials will be observed only and not handled by contestants.

VEGETABLES (Most perishable crops)

Quality Factor	Relative Points Value
1. Condition (Freedom from disease, insect damage, dirt and mechanical injury and growth cracks)	25
2. Quality (Crisp, firm, edible)	20
3. Uniformity (Size, shape, color)	20
4. Typical of Variety	20
5. Size (Conform to market demands)	15
	100

SCALE OF POINTS FOR FLOWERING POTTED PLANTS

Cultural Perfections	Relates to the physical appearance of the plant as witness to the skill of the grower; good balance between sizes of plant and pot, symmetrical, compact, good foliage, good appearance from all sides; freedom from deficiencies, disease and/or insect injury; strong stems; flowers uniform in development and in good condition.	40 points
Floriferousness	Refers not only to the number of flowers in good condition at time of judging, but also to the effect of the flowers. A smaller number of flowers spaced as to permit their maximum development without crowding are more desirable than a larger number of flowers crowded into a tight, confused floral display.	20 points
Size of Plant	Should be in proportion to size of pot	20 points
Color of Bloom	Fresh, bright, no evidence of fading or browning. Free from blemishes and true to variety.	10 points
Size of Bloom	Consider size of individual flowers and their uniformity. Individual flowers should be as large as varietal characteristics permit without being coarse.	10 points
Total		100 points

JUDGING ORNAMENTAL NURSERY STOCK IN CONTAINERS

	Relative Point Value
1. True to type	10
2. Excellence of physical condition	70
A. Clean, healthy, turgid foliage and bark of good color for the species and/or horticulture variety	
B. Form appropriate to the species and/or horticulture variety and of good appearance for all sides	
C. Well branched with strong stems typical of the species and/or horticulture variety	
D. Freedom from damage of the following types – insects, disease, mechanical, or chemical injury	
E. Plant size in good scale relation to the container size	
F. Condition of the root system related to the soil and the container (not pot-bound)	
3. Container	10
An appropriate, attractive, clean container in good condition	
4. Flowers and/or fruit	10
In good color and condition in season	
	100