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LUCAS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR 4-H MINI GARDEN PROJECT JULY 13 - 19, 2026

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For youth ages 5 -18 Ribbons for top three entries in each age group!

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Project Rules:

1. Youth ages 5-18 may register to collect **two free** marigold plants and **two free** tomato plants. Adult contact information is required for registration.
2. Youth do not need to be a 4-H club member to participate.
3. Youth may enter one plant per category (marigold or tomato) in the Lucas County Junior Fair. No cost to enter a youth mini-garden in the Junior Fair.
4. A single marigold plant must be in a one-gallon or smaller sized pot for project entry.
5. A single tomato plant must be in a three-to-five-gallon sized container for project entry. Plant must be staked. No caged plants are allowed.
6. Projects must follow rules in order to be eligible for prizes.

Project Timeline:

May 7, 2026 Deadline to register for coupon code to collect free plants. Adults may include up to 20 youth per registration form. Coupons are sent via email. **go.osu.edu/minigarden26**

May 8-9, 2026: Collect plants by showing coupon at participating greenhouses.

Creque's Greenhouse	9700 W Sylvania Ave, Sylvania, OH 43560	419-829-2971
Sadowski Produce	12815 Airport Hwy, Swanton, OH 43558	419-826-0863
Black Diamond Garden Center	1964 Tremainsville Rd, Toledo, OH 43613	419-473-1409
Knitz Greenhouse	8865 Arquette Rd, Oregon, OH 43616	419-350-4699

May 15, 2026: Deadline to register to show mini-garden project at Lucas County Junior Fair. Forms can be found at go.osu.edu/stillprojectfairentry.

Who can enter? Youth in Scouts, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H.

Youth not in one of the Junior Fair Organizations listed above can enter in the community division.

Steps to enter:

1. Complete one form per youth entrant. Form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

2. Forms must be completed online

- Classes for the show:
  - 5 - 7 Year Olds Receive a Cloverbud Ribbon
  - T1 Mini Garden Tomato (8-9 year old entrants)
  - T2 Mini Garden Tomato (10-11 year old entrants)
  - T3 Mini Garden Tomato (12-13 year old entrants)
  - T4 Mini Garden Tomato (14-18 year old entrants)
  - M1 Mini Garden Marigold (8-9 year old entrants)
  - M2 Mini Garden Marigold (10-11 year old entrants)
  - M3 Mini Garden Marigold(12-13 year old entrants)
  - M4 Mini Garden Marigold (14-18 year old entrants)

July 13, 2026: 9:00am-12:00pm Bring projects to Lucas County Fairgrounds Life Skills Stucco Building for judging.

July 13, 2026: Mini Garden Project Judging in afternoon.

AWARDS: All youth entrants will receive a grade ribbon (A,B,C) and a cash premium provided by Lucas County Agricultural Society for youth in a Junior Fair Organization.

July 19, 2026: After 6:30pm. Pick up projects from Lucas County Fairgrounds.