

Helvetia Farm Fair – Ugliest Home Grown Vegetable Contest Rules

1. Eligibility

- Open to all ages.
- Limit **one vegetable entry per person**.

2. Vegetable Requirements

- Must be a **homegrown vegetable** grown by the entrant in their own garden (community garden plots are fine).
- Any variety is allowed—shape, size, or color oddities are encouraged.
- No decorations, paint, costumes, or alterations allowed—the vegetable must be in its natural form.
- Multiple vegetables may be entered together only if they are attached as a natural growth (e.g., two carrots grown together).

3. Entry Drop-Off

- Vegetable must be delivered to the judging table **by 4:00 PM** on event day.
- Please attach a **card with your name, phone, and vegetable type**.

4. Judging Criteria

Judges will award points in these categories (scale 1–10 for each):

- **Uniqueness** – how unusual the vegetable is compared to normal shape or appearance.
- **Shape/Appearance** – strangeness, size, or unexpected form.
- **Amusement Factor** – how much the vegetable makes judges (and the crowd) smile.
- **Overall Impact** – memorability and “wow” factor.

5. Prizes

- **1st Place** – Champion Ribbon & **\$50 prize**
- **2nd Place** – Ribbon
- **3rd Place** – Ribbon

6. General Rules

- Judges' decisions are final.
- By entering, you give permission for the event to display your entry and use photos of it.
- Vegetables will remain on display until the event ends unless the entrant requests otherwise.