

Dallas Youth Garden News

August 2020

August has been a busy month even without our annual participation at the Polk County Fair due to Covid19 restrictions. In past years, the Fair's vegetable and flower exhibits and evaluations have really emphasized to the interns their garden's success. But, as with all other Covid19 restrictions, our interns took this omission in stride and focused on vegetable production. Several interns did research projects on improving yields and Amelia gave a great presentation on tomato pruning. This focus seems to have worked. As of the end of August, we have delivered almost 4000 pounds of produce to the Family and Community Outreach Program. Prior years totals have averaged just over 3200 pounds. Interns are doing a GREAT job!

Our two senior interns had a busy August. Jack finished up a video of the garden (see the link on our website) and completed a couple of much needed maintenance projects including fence repair and graveling around our storage shed. In addition to working with Jack on maintenance projects, Kaitlynn decided the interns needed to improve their carrot production so worked with them on thinning and weeding. This year we have the best carrot production ever!

During August, Thursday is our "Take a Vegetable Home Day" so interns can share vegetables with their family. Interns also have the option of doing a vegetable cooking research project. This year we had several savory recipes including summer squash boats, meatballs with shredded zucchini, beet greens, grilled summer squash and acorn squash soup. These recipes are on our garden web page.



Saturday In The Garden



Tomato Pruning



Harvest With Beets, Cabbage and Beans



Great Savory Produce Recipes

If you have any questions about the garden please e-mail anderson.dean@dallasyouthgarden.org or visit our web page at www.dallasyouthgarden.org.



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