

Dallas Youth Garden News

August 2019

August has been a busy month. The month started with interns preparing exhibits for County Fair and manning our booth at the fair on Friday. The booth fund raiser was a great success. We again sold all of our peaches! (A big thanks to Perryhill Farm for that donation.) Donations collected by interns this year will go to purchase heavy "grub" or "hazel" hoes. Interns have found that these hoes work well for tough weeds.

Intern's exhibits at both the county and state fair were great! County fair exhibits were awarded multiple champion, one reserve champion and many blue, red and white ribbons. Three interns received special recognition awards. All interns qualified for state fair where they had great success with one winning an overall champion award.

Weather in August was cooler than normal. This reduced production of summer squash and delayed ripening of our tomatoes. Even so, we still managed to deliver over 2000 pounds (1 ton) of produce to the Willamette Valley Food Assistance who we visited in late August. On our visit interns learned about food challenges in our community and that program members like our zucchini and tomatoes best.

Thursdays in August are "take a vegetable home day" when interns can take a couple vegetables from their garden to share with their family. Some interns also learned new recipes that they shared at the garden including Cheesy Summer Squash and Zucchini Bread.



Booth at County Fair



Tomato Plant Staking



400+ Pound Harvest



Cooking With Produce

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