

## 2026 Special Garden Project Alumia Vanilla Cream Marigold

- Enroll in Plant Science/Horticulture through 4-H Online
- Contact your local Nebraska Extension Office and let them know how many seed packets you need. If you do not contact your local Extension Office, seeds might not be available for you. The county office will order seeds as a county unit then distribute them to the members.
- Seeds will be sent to the County Extension Offices. Pick seeds up from your local county Extension office when the county tells you the seeds are available (should be around March or April).
- The flyer about the project, examples how to exhibit, and educational newsletter are all available at: <https://go.unl.edu/sgpresources>
- Exhibits- Youth must be enrolled in Horticulture through 4-H Online to exhibit in the State Fair classes G-775-001 and G-775-002.
  - State Fair Special Garden Project Education Exhibit Class G-775-001. The educational exhibit is based on what was learned from the project. Present information on a poster 14" X 22" or in a clear plastic report cover. The 4-H member's name, age, and county must be on the back of the poster or report cover. Fresh cut flowers or harvested vegetables should be entered in class G-775-002.
  - Special Garden Project Fresh Cut Flowers or Harvested Vegetables G-775-002. The current years' Special Garden Project fresh cut flowers or harvested vegetables & herbs should be entered in this class. Bring 5 stems following the guidelines in the publication 'Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit' 4H226 (revised 2022) (<https://go.unl.edu/sgpresources>). The desirable traits the judge is looking for are 5 stems that are at the same maturity and uniform in size that are free from insect damage. Avoid flowering stems as this decreases the eating quality of the herb.
  - Special County Only projects. Check with your local county to see if special classes are set up
- **Complete the evaluation no matter what happened.** If every single plant lived, insects ate them off, or even if they all died, fill out the evaluation near the end of the growing season (around State Fair time). Evaluation is at: <http://www.go.unl.edu/2026SGPsurvey>