



Go Green

This Specimen is “Organic”

The Land Products (Dept. N); Floral (Dept. P), and House Plants (Dept. O) exhibits will be in the Floral Building in 2008. There is an effort underway to have a space on the entry ticket that will indicate if the specimen was raised in the classification of ORGANIC. This will allow the public to determine if the “Organic” specimens are an improvement over those not so classified.

Organic agriculture is growing and caring for plants in our yards without the use of synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. To have the classification of “Organic” in the U. S. all agricultural farms and products claiming to be organic must be guaranteed by a USDA-approved independent agency and meet certain guidelines. These guidelines will not be required to enter plant materials into the Crook County Fair this year. However, it will be up to the person entering to abide by the principles of organic guidelines that follow:

- Abstain from the application of prohibited materials (including synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and sewage sludge).
- Prohibit the use of genetically modified organisms and irradiation.
- Employ positive soil building, conservation and manure management and crop rotation practices.