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(See image attached: Zachary Wightman and his Giant Blueberry)

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Largest Blueberry in the World to be on Display at the Ulster County Fair

Come and see the largest blueberry in the world on display in the Horticulture Building at the Ulster County Fair from Tuesday, July 28 through Sunday, August 2. Ulster County youth, Zachary Wightman, age 13 of Kerhonkson returns to the fair to crush the current world record of 7.0 grams with a humongous blueberry weighing in at a whopping 8.0 grams.

Wightman and family members met Cornell Cooperative Extension staff on July 22 for the official weigh in on a certified Mettler Balance Scientific Scale at the NYS Agriculture Experiment Station at Highland. This exciting news proves how suited the Hudson Valley is for production of nutritious fruits that are of the highest quality says Cooperative Extension Educator, Mike Fargione.

Each year the Horticulture Building is brimming with horticulture exhibits from local gardeners including brightly colored gladiolas, huge asparagus beans, perfect purple onions and more as Ulster County Master Gardeners host fruit, vegetable and flower contests and Garden Talks scheduled daily at 1:30pm beginning Wednesday, July, 29. In addition to the Garden Talks, Master Gardeners will provide fair-goers with state of the art gardening knowledge and information regarding the Master Gardener Program at the famous "Ask the Master Gardener" table, also located in the Horticulture Building.

The Ulster County Fair is located on Libertyville Road in New Paltz. For more information about local farms visit www.rondoutvalleygrowers.org

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