

# Sumter County Fair 2010



# Premier Exhibitor Manual

## **Welcome to the Sumter County Fair Premier Exhibitor Program**

This manual has been developed as a study guide for the *Premier Exhibitor* program. While this manual will provide information to help you prepare for the competition, your actual project will serve as your practical application of success of this competition. We would like to thank the Florida State Fair Livestock Office, the Miami Dade Youth Fair, and the UF/IFAS Extension Service for their help.

The *Premier Exhibitor* program consists of a Skill-a-Thon, Showmanship, an Educational Poster contest, and a General Knowledge Test. In addition, the “Blue Ribbon Exhibitor” awards will be based on these points as well as factoring in the results of the record book competition.

The *Premier Exhibitor* contest will be held 30 minutes after the exhibitor meeting on the day of the final weigh-in.

The Skill-a-Thon is a “hands-on” activity used to test your knowledge of basic skills that you should develop through the completion of your livestock project.

The Showmanship points will be based on how you perform in your showmanship class. There will be 50 points for a blue ribbon, 40 points for a red ribbon, and 30 points for a white ribbon.

The Educational Poster Contest is a poster on an issue that pertains to your livestock project that you, the exhibitor, have created. The points will be based on the following: 5 points for creativity, 5 points for educational value, and 5 points for industry significance. These posters are due at the beginning of the competition.

The General Knowledge Skills test will be used to measure your knowledge on the completion of your record book, general livestock knowledge and other materials presented at the educational workshop and/or included in your study manual. You may use a simple function calculator for this portion of the competition.

Lastly, the Blue Ribbon Exhibitor program will be awarded at the fair banquet. This competition will include the points from the Premier Exhibitor competition as well as the results of the record book competition.

We wish you the best of luck and if you have any questions please ask Ms. Sarah Hensley, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, or Ms. Patty Wells, Sumter Fair Livestock Committee member. Also, your 4-H leader and your Agriscience teachers are wonderful resources when preparing for this contest. You may also wish to use the State Fair Skill-a-Thon manual as an additional resource as you prepare.

Most importantly Good Luck and Have Fun with your Livestock Project!!! ☺

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January 28<sup>th</sup> – Premier Exhibitor Workshop 6pm

The following are topics of study for 2010

Parts of the Animal

Breed Characteristics and Identification

Visual Appraisal

Selection

Terminology

Animal Identification (State Fair Manual)

Administering Medication and Vaccines (State Fair Manual)