

POINT SYSTEM

The 4-H Fair will use a point system for calculating premium payments. For example: A first place in Food Department Class A, Lots 1, 2 and 5 yields a total of fifteen points. If the total number of points for all exhibitors at the Fair was 5,000 points, and the total premium money available for the year was \$5,000.00, then each point would be worth \$1.00. Fifteen points then would be worth \$15.00 in premium payments. Premium checks are generally issued in early December following the Fair each year. PLEASE NOTE: The dollar amount awarded for each premium point is set each year following the Fair; it is possible that the premium points could be less than \$1.00 per point. Due to budget constraints and lower amounts of State Funding that is available, each premium point is currently worth only \$.50.

*Premium checks must be cashed by June 30th of the year following the fair for which they were issued, or they will no longer be honored or re-issued by the fair.

DEFINITIONS TO NOTE

FITTING and SHOWMANSHIP is a term which describes two aspects of the judging of livestock projects.

- Fitting Classes measure the "quality and condition" of a project. A 4-H'er helps the animal develop its potential for future use through care, grooming, diet, exercise and training.
- Showmanship Classes measure the skill the 4-H'er has developed in showing the animal's best features.

STATIC EXHIBIT is a term which describes a non-animal exhibit. The quality of the exhibit is judged by a modified Danish system.

MODIFIED DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING: Each exhibit receives a 4-H Fair Ribbon; blue (excellent), red (very good) and white (good). In this initial judging each exhibit is judged on its own merits. Exhibits which initially receive a blue (excellent) ribbon are then judged for first, second and third place ribbons in each lot. Thus, a first place exhibit would receive a blue Danish ribbon and blue First Place ribbon. A second place exhibit would receive a blue Danish ribbon and a red Second Place ribbon. A third place exhibit would receive a blue Danish ribbon and a white Third Place ribbon. Exhibits which receive red or white Danish ribbons are not eligible for premiums.

EXPLANATION OF AWARDS

RIBBONS: Danish Ribbons, Place Ribbons and Rosettes.

PREMIUMS are cash awards which are paid in all departments except Cloverbud, Dog, Feline, Pocket Pets and Horse.

TOP NOVICE, TOP JUNIOR and TOP SENIOR awards are presented to the 4-H'er in each respective age group who has earned the most points in that department. These are awarded Sunday at the Fair's closing ceremonies.

TOP EXHIBITOR award is presented to the one person in each department who has earned the most points in the department. This is awarded Sunday at the Fair's closing ceremonies.

BEST INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT award is for the one exhibit judged best in each department by the judges of that department.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS may be awarded in some departments for exhibits, sportsmanship and overall excellence as a 4-H'er at the Fair.

THE ROBERT J. STOKOWSKI, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is awarded for further education to a senior 4-H'er or 4-H alumnus/a who has participated regularly in the Fair by assisting in its operation and who has demonstrated outstanding citizenship, leadership and achievement at the Fair.