

# County Fair

The county fair provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit and display the items that demonstrate what they have learned through their project meetings and experiences over the enrollment year. This is a major event where many people see what 4-H members accomplish.

The exhibits are evaluated by state certified judges. The process is designed to extend the learning the member has done in their project. Members share how they completed the exhibit that demonstrates their project goals. The judges are more than willing to spend time with members providing valuable feedback on how to improve their project.

## Judging Systems

**Danish:** Traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same lot are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each project by itself and is permitted to give a maximum of 25% blue, red, white, and pink ribbons within each lot in the class of projects.

**Face to Face or Conference:** This form of judging allows more communication directly between the judge and exhibitor. In a face-to-face judging, an allotted time is established for the exhibitor to meet with the judge. Exhibitors bring their projects to the judge at their convenience within the allotted time and talk to the judge about their project. Exhibitors are asked questions and encouraged to ask questions of the judge as well. In conference judging, the entire lot is present at the same time for judging. The judge then, based on all discussions, may award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate without regard to percentages.



## Questions you might be asked:

- What kind of things did you do in your project this year?
- How did you make it...grow it...build it...paint it...?
- Where did you learn how to...?
- What did you like doing best?
- What are you going to do with your item?
- What would you change the next time you do this?