

**Marion County Fair Committee
Purdue Extension- Marion County
4-H Fair Grounds
Judging, Placings, Ribbons**

Open Judging- 4-H member present while project is judged; judge may talk to the 4-H member about the project or exhibit.

Closed Judging- Judge fills out scorecard/comment card.

Ribbons are based on the Danish system of recognition, to maintain a balance of competition and recognition. Evaluates class entries, placing them in groups according to standards developed for that class, to recognize youth for achievement relative to set standards. Recognizes the difference between two or more entries based on pre-established standards. Age and ability are taken into consideration when a class is evaluated.

4-H Youth Development ribbon awards:

Note: Only the highest placing ribbon will be put on the project.

Green (participation)- Required components or pieces are missing from exhibit; fails to meet criteria for a higher award, does not arrive by deadline date or time.

White (fair)- Entry does not meet average standard, less than expected, serious shortcomings.

Red (good)- Less than excellent skill expectations or exhibit requirements, missing required components, although entry meets average standard of expectations.

Blue (excellent)- Includes all required components and support documents/labels, entry must meet the average standard expectations, well done exhibit.

Honors (exceptional)- Selected from blue ribbon projects which show excellence in skill level expectations and exceeds project exhibit requirements.

Division Champion (superior)- Exhibit in division/level that most exceeds the average standard.

Division Reserve Champion (2nd superior)- Exhibit in division/level that second most exceeds the average standard.

Overall Grand Champion (highest award) Exhibit in the project that overall that most exceeds the average standard. (Must have a minimum of two (2) divisions/levels and a minimum of three (3) project exhibits total for that project in any/all category. Less than 3 entries/ less than two divisions/levels total in a project results in no Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.)

Overall Reserve Grand Champion (2nd highest award)- Exhibit in project that second most exceeds the average standard. (Minimums same as for Overall Grand Champion).

State Fair Ribbons- If a judge deems a project worthy of advancing to State Fair competition in select categories, the project is listed in the official results book and a State Fair ribbon is placed on the exhibit in addition to the highest quality ribbon. Judges are not required to send projects to the State Fair if the quality and workmanship of the exhibit are not adequate.

Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee: Sue Barlow, Rob Canary, Samantha Morgan, Teri Morgan