



Dunn County Fair Junior Exhibitor's Fact Sheet

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DUNN COUNTY FAIR GROUP CONFERENCE JUDGING - What's New

For those of you who have read through the Dunn County Fair Book, have noticed that **all non-animal departments except, woodworking, aerospace, electricity, Cloverbuds and Explorers,** will be judged using "Group Conference Judging". The exceptions listed above will still use "Face-to-Face" judging. Face-to-Face judging is when the judge and the exhibitor have a one-on-one discussion regarding the project. Exhibitors **must** be in attendance for face-to-face judging.

Group Conference Judging will still use the Danish system. In the Danish system of awarding prizes, all of the entries in one entry number (Lot) are judged together. All the entries in one entry number (Lot) are arranged together so the judge can compare the items to a "standard" and to the other entries. The judge then has to decide what placing (ribbon) to give each exhibit. The judge must give the placings according to the Danish judging system percentages.

The Danish judging system is used to determine the amount of State aid a fair receives for premium payments. In this system, four (4) group placings (blue, red, white or pink) must be awarded in any premium number with twelve (12) or more exhibits. The magic number is 12: >12 = R, B, W, P & <12 = 1 Blue.

The difference you will see between Standard Danish and Group Conference Judging is that the Superintendent will announce the class and lot numbers being judged. Each exhibitor will be able to approach the judging area. The judge will have the opportunity to ask exhibitors questions with the responses factored into the final placings.

Exhibitors are not required to attend the judging, but then they will not have the opportunity to interact with the judges, therefore potentially affecting the final placings. An additional benefit to the new process is that the youth will be more involved in the judging and have more opportunities to learn and grow as their projects are being evaluated.