

**YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE SHOW
FITTING AND GROOMING CONTEST
DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2009 TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

Eligibility: (Age as of September 1, 2007)

1. There will be a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Contest.
JUNIOR: 8 - 11 Years
INTERMEDIATE: 12 - 14 Years
SENIOR: 15 - 18 Years
2. The Fitting and Grooming Contest will be held in the Livestock area.
3. *** Attention Youth - You MUST have attended the Mandatory YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP in order to show an animal at the South Florida Fair.
4. Youth participating in the Youth Dairy Show on SATURDAY, January 31st are eligible for the contest.
5. Awards will be provided by the South Florida Fair.
6. Any youth who wishes to participate in this contest may do so by borrowing an animal that is entered in the individual classes for the South Florida Fair Dairy Show.

Premiums	
(Paid in Jr., Int., & Sr. Classes)	
1st Place	\$20.00
2nd Place	\$15.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

Rules & Regulations:

1. Each participant must furnish one dairy heifer to be used. While there are no age requirements on the animal, we suggest that the animal be at least a junior yearling.
2. The animal must be clean and dry upon entering the ring for the contest.
3. Since nose tongs will not be allowed in the contest, we require all animals to be clipped from, including, the head and upper half of the neck before entering the ring for the contest. The remaining part of the animal **MUST** be unclipped. Hooves should be trimmed as well.
4. While grooming chutes are not required, their use is encouraged. Grooming chutes will not be supplied by the Fair.
5. Each individual will have **1 1/2** hours to complete the clipping of their animal.
6. Any help from outside to an individual will result in an immediate disqualification.
7. Any questions concerning rules and regulations should be directed to the show superintendent. All decisions will be made by the superintendent and his committee.
8. Anyone not cooperating with the superintendent or his committee will be disqualified and forfeit any prize money or award.

Scoring:

A team of 2 - 3 judges will evaluate each entrant and the animal. Each animal will be inspected before entering the ring. Observation during the contest and final evaluation of the groomed animal will be accounted for as a part of selecting the winning participant.

Scorecard:

- (20 PTS) 1. **Condition and thriftiness:** Showing normal growth, being neither too fat nor too thin.
- (30 PTS) 2. **Grooming:** Hair properly groomed and clean. The hide soft and pliable. Hair dressing should not be used in excess. Hooves trimmed and shaped to enable the animal to walk and stand naturally.
- (30 PTS) 3. **Clipping:** The hair is properly clipped to show the animal to the best advantage. The hair is well blended and areas are free of clip marks. The animal has an overall smooth appearance.
- (20 PTS) 4. **Cleanliness:** Hair and switch are clean and free from stains. Hide and ears are free of dirt, legs and feet are clean.