

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF FAIRS AND LIVESTOCK SHOWS, INC.
BLUE RIBBON FAIR PROGRAM

The Florida Federation of Fairs is pleased to sponsor the **Blue Ribbon Fair Program**. This program is designed to provide Fairs with an evaluation of their Fair based on a standard of “Best Practices”. The intent is to recognize excellence in the Fair industry within the State of Florida, and promote the exchange of information and knowledge between Fairs. It is also the hope of the Blue Ribbon Fair Committee that this program will encourage all Fair management and staff to visit as many Fairs as possible.

The Program

Upon request by a Fair, the Federation will provide an official visitor to a FLORIDA FAIR for a Blue Ribbon Fair evaluation. Once a Fair is recognized as a Blue Ribbon Fair, they will maintain that status for a 3 year period before being eligible for reevaluation. PLEASE NOTE: Fairs that received the Blue Ribbon status for 2008-2009 are exempt for another year. Fairs that received the Blue Ribbon status for 2009-2010 will automatically be deemed Blue Ribbon Fairs for the next two years and will not be evaluated this year. Once these fairs are no longer exempt, they must request to be evaluated. Starting in 2011-2012, one third of the 2008 Blue Ribbon Fairs will be randomly drawn for evaluation with another third being randomly drawn in 2012-2013 and the final third being eligible for evaluation in 2013-2014. These Fairs will be notified that they have been drawn for evaluation BUT MUST request an evaluation. Once the Fairs that were evaluated in 2009-2010 are off exemption, they will be added to the drawing process. The purpose of this process is to reduce the number of annual evaluations and get all fairs on a 3 year program.

Regardless of Fair size, all Fairs are eligible to be recognized as a **Blue Ribbon Fair**. Fairs are not competing against any other Fair. The results of the completed evaluation form, and subsequent scoring, take into account only those items at *your Fair* that apply to *your Fair*. In order to facilitate this, there is a non-applicable (NA) column to every item on this form. You will be evaluated accordingly.

Scoring

On the final page of the Evaluation Form, the individual page scores will be averaged together, and all Fairs that score over 4.0 will be eligible to be a **Blue Ribbon Fair**.

Visitors

The Blue Ribbon Fair Committee will enlist qualified Fair industry people to do the evaluations. Evaluators will identify themselves to the Fair Manager upon arrival at the Fair.

Eligibility

Fairs must submit a Request for Evaluation Form at least 30 days prior to their Fair. Information for submitting the form is available on the form.

Blue Ribbon Fair

All **Blue Ribbon Fairs** will be recognized at the Florida Federation of Fairs Annual Banquet.

The Florida Federation of Fairs strongly encourages all Fairs to participate in this program.