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New Plans for the 2009 Fair



Less than 60 days to the 2009 Florida State Fair!!

The Agribusiness Department is working hard getting ready for exhibitors to arrive. Entries are arriving and all the preparations are being finalized. During the 2009 Fair, you will see several changes or additions to make your experience that much more enjoyable.

Here are some things to look for:

- **Ag Hall of Fame Building**
The Feature Exhibit for 2009 will be “Celebrating 100 years of 4-H”. Visit the exhibit to learn more about all the 4-H activities and play some “Putt Putt Golf”.
- **Youth Boer Goat Show**
The Youth Boer Goat Show has become a part of the Champion Youth Program for 2009.
- **Open Exotic Pigeon Show -**
This new show will be February 12—15, 2009 in the Poultry Barn.
- **Racing Pigeon Release Contest**
This exciting new event will be held on Saturday, February 7th. The pigeons will be released from the J Lot just south of the Poultry Barn.
- **Mosaic Scholarship**
Mosaic is sponsoring a \$1500.00 scholarship for any college bound junior or senior student in high school who participates with a Youth Livestock Project at the 2009 Florida State Fair.



We are looking forward to a wonderful Fair!!

Ethics and Animal Care Workshops



With the Fair rapidly approaching, exhibitors need to make sure they meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in affect for the 2009 Florida State Fair.

The requirements are as follows:

- All students that were entered at the 2006, 2007 or 2008 Fair must have completed the Ethics training to show an animal at the 2009 Fair
- **THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2009 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE JANUARY 19, 2009 AT RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL, RIVERVIEW, FLORIDA**
- Youth that are exhibiting for the first time at the 2009 Fair will have a one (1) year grace period to complete the Ethics training

For information, please contact the Agribusiness Office at (813) 621-7821 ext 389

Pork Quality Assurance Program (PQA)

ALL YOUTH SWINE SHOW EXHIBITORS MUST BE PQA CERTIFIED TO SHOW AT THE 2009 FLORIDA STATE FAIR. A PQA WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED ON JANUARY 19, 2009 AT 1 PM AT RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL. THE PQA CERTIFICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2009.

To pre-register, contact the Agribusiness Office by January 12th, 2009 at (813) 621-7821 ext. 389.

NEW Ticketing Policy

At the 2009 Fair, a **NEW** ticketing policy for Livestock Exhibitors will be implemented. Each exhibitor will still receive enough passes to equal what is listed in their Show Rules. In the past, an exhibitor would receive a Parking Pass which admitted a driver and vehicle. This year, the Parking Pass will only allow the vehicle in—the driver will need an Admission Pass as well.

For example— Youth Steer Show

In the Show rules, it states that an exhibitor will receive 6 daily admission and 3 daily parking

For 2009, the Youth Steer Exhibitor will receive 9 daily admission and 3 daily parking.

Please Note: this will allow for a driver, 2 passengers and a vehicle into the fairgrounds for the three days.

Advance Ticket Deadline

For Advance Discount Tickets information, please go to our website:

www.floridastatefair.net

All orders sent online, by fax or mail must be received or post-marked by January 26, 2009. The last day to purchase discount offers in person at the Fair Box Office is February 4, 2009.

Advance discount prices are on sale tentatively beginning January 5, 2009.

Advance Discount Price:

\$8.00 Adults (ages 12+)
\$4.00 Children (ages 6—11)
Kids 5 and under free

Regular Gate Price

(Monday—Friday):

\$10.00 Adults (ages 12+)
\$5.00 Children (ages 6—11)
Kids 5 and under free

(Saturday—Sunday):

\$12.00 Adults (ages 12+)
\$6.00 Children (ages 6—11)
Kids 5 and under free

Ride Tickets and Armbands can also be purchased at discount prices.

On-site Photographer during Fair

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We are pleased to announce that Eleanor Hancock Photography will be taking the Agribusiness Photos for the 2009 Fair.

Meet 2 more of your 2008 Champion Youth Ambassadors

KARLY VOJNAR
PIERSON, FLORIDA



How did you get started showing animals? I first began showing poultry about eight years ago with an embryology project. From the moment the eggs were in the incubator, I was captivated... and even more fascinated once the little chicks were running around in the brooder box. I began to read anything I could get my hands on about poultry, sit out in the coop for hours, and within a couple years I was traveling around the state showing my birds. Last year I raised a rabbit to show at the Florida State Fair, but poultry is truly my passion.

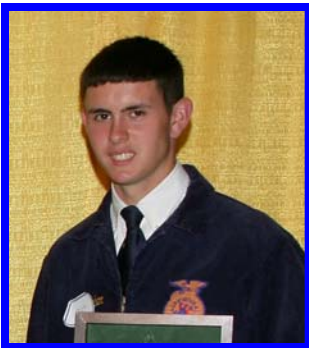
What advice would you give to another exhibitor?

My advice would be to embrace versatility and always do your best. The day of the show, your animal might act unruly because of the different circumstances, you might be sick, or you might not get the award you wanted. The first year I showed at the Florida State fair, I came down with the flu the day before I left for Tampa. I was really tired – but I did my best, and managed to still win Intermediate Champion! If you've done your best – then whether your animal performs well, whether you're at your best health, whether you win or not, *you have succeeded.*

What are your future plans?

After I graduate from high school in 2009, I plan to attend college and graduate with a major in communications and a minor in political science. I know, what a shock that I'm not going into agriculture, right?? That was my goal at one time, but now I'd like to use the communication skills that I've gained from 4-H and showing my animals to work in government or public relations. Oh, but I will keep my chickens wherever I go – even if that means I have to drive a little farther to go to work!

PARKER CAPPARELLI
DADE CITY, FLORIDA



How did you get started showing animals? The first animals I ever showed were chickens, and I started showing when I was in the first grade. During my twelve years of showing animals through 4-H and FFA, I showed rabbits, chickens, hogs, beef heifers, bulls, steers and even a dairy heifer at various shows around the state. However, I have only shown hogs and steers at the Florida State Fair.

What is one of your most memorable moments from the Florida State Fair? I have many fond memories from the Florida State Fair, however I have to say finding out I was one of the top six in the Champion of Champions contest has to be one of my most memorable. The contest was held on the same day as the heifer show at my county fair, and I was torn between which one to go to. I wanted to show heifers for one last time at my county fair, but I also wanted to compete in the Champion of Champions contest. Needless to say, I decided to participate in the contest. Staying paid off, and I was one of the six Champion of Champions and I also made it back to participate in showmanship at my county fair.

What advice would you give to another exhibitor? Take advantage of the many opportunities that the Florida State Fair offers. There is much more to showing animals than just the show, in fact I feel that is the least important. The knowledge and skills you obtain and friendships that you form while at the fair and throughout your project is what makes it all worth while.

What are your future plans? Right now I am attending Pasco Hernando Community College in pursuit of my AA degree. Once obtaining it I hope to transfer to the University of Florida and major in Animal Sciences.

NEW AGRIBUSINESS WEB-SITE
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The Florida State Fair Authority operates the Florida State Fairgrounds 365 days a year, in association with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson leads the Fair Authority, which oversees the Florida State Fairgrounds and the annual Florida State Fair.

All acts, concerts, scheduled times, exhibitors, prices and other advertised events are subject to change and/or cancel without notice.

Agribusiness Department wins "Ag Awards"

The Agribusiness Department participated in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Ag Awards Program for the 2008 Fair. The following were awarded first place in their categories:

- **Ag Venture Building**—"What was newly established or developed at your Fair to promote agriculture"
- **Farm to Fuel Exhibit**—"Green Program"
- **Hand Washing Stations**—"Consumer Protection Program"

We are extremely proud of these programs and honored that they were recognized nationally.



The Florida State Fair
Agribusiness Department
would like to wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you at the 2009 Fair!!