

Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Awards Common Questions and Answers

1. Why are the awards and ribbons changing?

Throughout the 4-H year, members, parents and volunteers are given opportunities to provide feedback to the award and ribbon system. The members of the PDC have carefully compiled results and found a common theme. That the awards are weighted towards the animal projects. Then starting in the 2013-2014 4-H year, the group started brainstorming various ways to address this concern. After debating and contemplating many ideas, the current plan was developed.

2. Why is there a minimum number of exhibitors required before an award will be given out?

The minimum number also came from the feedback from surveys. The awards should be earned through some level of competition. For the 2014 fair the minimum number was five. After observing the impact of the changes, the PDC determined that the minimum number would be three for the 2015 fair.

3. What is a FAB award? Why is it given?

F = Fair

A = Award

B = Bag/Box

The FAB award was created to provide additional opportunities for 4-H members to be recognized for their effort in a project. Not every member can be a Grand or Reserve Champion, but he/she did put in the time and energy into his/her project. The PDC understands the importance of recognition for completion of a project.

4. Why do we still have the awards ceremony on the last evening of the fair?

The awards ceremony allows our 4-H community to bring the 4-H events of the fair to a close. It's an opportunity to highlight the many outstanding accomplishments of the 4-H members before gathering up all of the entries to take home.