

Judging Systems

The Marin County Fair uses two systems of judging – American and Danish.

American System of Judging:

▶ In the American System of Judging, each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions, and Fair Management. This system is used throughout all the divisions of the Fair, unless otherwise indicated, for awards and ribbons.

Danish System of Judging:

▶ In the Danish System of Judging, each exhibit is judged based upon established standards of quality per the Danish System Score Card. Each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard, rather than how it compares with other exhibits. This system is used throughout the Junior Department, unless otherwise indicated, for awards and ribbons.

JUDGING SCALE – DANISH SYSTEM

<u>QUALITY</u>		<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RIBBON</u>
1st Group	Superior	92% -100%	Blue
2nd Group	Good	84% - 91%	Red
3rd Group	Average	70% - 83%	White
Honorable Mention Ribbons will be given at the discretion of the judges.			

▶ Listed below are some points of interest that influence judges using the score cards as their guidelines:

- ▶ **Appearance**
- ▶ **Condition of Work**
- ▶ **Color Harmony**
- ▶ **Plant Quality**
- ▶ **Execution of the Work**
- ▶ **Suitability of Materials**
- ▶ **Flavor, Texture (Foods)**
- ▶ **Accuracy of Design Reproduction**

▶ To all of our fine judges for undertaking this most difficult task..... "Thank you!"

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