

Tips for County Fair Exhibitors

When you enter an Entomology exhibit at the county fair, you'll be showing the public, and the judge, what you've learned in the project. Make your exhibit the best it can be. Here are some tips.

1. Identification
 - a. Specimen should be correctly identified to order
2. Pinning and spreading
 - a. Specimens should be in good condition.
 - b. Wings should be spread properly.
 - c. Specimens should be of uniform height on the pin.
 - d. Specimens should be level and straight on the pin.
 - e. Pin position should be correct for the insect order.
3. Labels
 - a. Should be neat and accurate (with common name, scientific name, date collected, where collected, collector's name or initials).
 - b. Labels should be of uniform height on the pin.
 - c. Labels should not be twisted.
4. Arrangement in boxes
 - a. Exhibit should have a variety of insects with no duplications.
 - b. Specimens should be properly grouped and spaced.
 - c. Background/mounting surface should be unobtrusive.
5. Displays should be covered properly with a protective cover of transparent material.