

2023 South Carolina State Fair

President's Choice Award

Purpose:

The President's Choice Award was designed to bestow the highest recognition to an outstanding specie exhibitor of the South Carolina State Fair who has demonstrated exceptional involvement in the livestock industry, advocate for agriculture and recognized as a recipient of the highest honor of the South Carolina State Fair.

President's Choice Award Recipients will be selected in the following species: Jr/Open Beef, Jr/Open Dairy, Dairy Goat, Sheep, Smallstock, Open Swine/Junior Swine, Jr Market Goat, Jr Market Lamb, and Youth Horse.

Guidelines:

- The South Carolina State Fair President's Choice Competition is open to all 2023 South Carolina State Fair youth and open exhibitors (an exhibitor is defined as an individual that exhibits an animal show in a minimum of one class in one specie show and receives an official placing by the judge.)
- Contestants may only compete in one specie area in which they are currently exhibiting.
- Once a youth exhibitor is recognized with the President's Choice Award, they will not be eligible to compete for this award in the same species again. Youth winners are eligible to compete in the open division in future years.
- Once an open exhibitor is recognized with the President's Choice Award, they will not be eligible to compete in future years.

Selection Information:

- This distinguished award will be selected by the specie superintendent and the specie support staff.

The intent of this prestigious award is determined on the following criteria:

- Exhibits will be evaluated each day of the designated specie show by the specie superintendent and the South Carolina State Fair Show Staff. There will be separate awards for:
- Cleanliness of the exhibit area from the conclusion of specie check in through the conclusion of the specie show.
 - Aisles must be kept clean. Feed and water pails should be neat, clean, and removed from the stalls/pens when not in use.
 - Identification such as stall cards, farm signs are highly encouraged.
 - Manure must be removed from stalls/pens and placed in appropriate containers/areas.
 - Appearance of animals should be clean and always cared for.
- Livestock should be in the barn/stall area when not being groomed or shown.
- Courtesy to other exhibitors, spectators and show officials will count towards the award. Disregard for show and facility rules and regulations will count against award calculations.
- Positive interaction with the public during the designated specie competition time frame.