

State Fair exhibit books available for distribution

It's time once again for Alaskans to think about what they'd like to enter at the 1985 Alaska State Fair to be held from August 23 to September 2. The Alaska State Fair premium exhibit books have been printed and are ready for general distribution, according to Marsha Melton, State Fair general manager.

The books are distributed every year at this time. These books notify prospective exhibitors of all entry deadlines, and regulations as well as the departments, divisions and classes that are available for entry.

"We have divisions for quilting, painting, preserving, baking, for pigs, goats, rabbits, cows, for all vegetables and grains, as well as flowers, photography, crafts, and even fruit," Melton said. "Almost

anything you can make, grow or raise can be entered competitively in the Alaska State Fair."

All entries winning an award receive premiums--cash prizes--and a ribbon for first, second, and third place. Grand prizes range from VCR's and microwave ovens to \$250 gift certificates, depending on the award.

Melton said that many exhibitors are repeats from year to year and plan well in advance what they will enter. "And we'd like to encourage more new people to think about what they make or do well, and enter it in the Alaska State Fair," Melton said.

The exhibit books are available from the Alaska State Fair office on the Glenn Highway in Palmer, at the Cooperative Extension Service at Anchorage Community College, or call the State Fair at 745-4827 to have one mailed.