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OFFICIAL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN KICKS OFF COMPETITION FOR NEXT YEAR'S FAIR

Miami, FL – November 13, 2009 - Students from across South Florida who are part of Miami-Dade County Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the 4-H Miami-Dade Program began the first stage of the exhibit process for next year's Miami-Dade County Fair as they weighed-in the Market Steer to be exhibited in the 2010 Fair.

“Participation in our animal exhibits program is no easy task. The students must commit to feed, water, bathe, groom and exercise their animals everyday until next year's Fair in March 2010. ” commented Phil Clark, chief executive officer of Miami-Dade County Fair. “The Miami-Dade County Fair is proud of its designation as an agricultural fair and is committed to providing students of Miami-Dade County access to agricultural education.”

It is estimated that steer will eat an average of 18 pounds of feed per day and will gain approximately 2.5-3.0 pounds per day. Students will be expected to showcase their breeds in qualities and strength next year at the fair.

The Fair will be celebrating its 59th year March 25th to April 11th, 2010 and is expected to attract more than 700,000 visitors. Awarding more than \$8 million in scholarships, awards and premiums along with outstanding educational student and youth programs, The Fair is more than just an 18-day event and a sought after venue for community events and festivals held throughout the year. The not-for-profit organization is a South Florida institution that is there for the community throughout the year.

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