

## **Regional Experience Report**

In 2005 the AQHA introduced the concept of the 'Regional Experience' Show. The mission of this type of show or experience is to encourage participation at all levels of ability and to combine commerce, education and competition and build an event branded to the American Quarter Horse lifestyle.

The criteria to show at this venue is that the exhibitor and their horse must be from within their region and further if the horse or rider has finished in the top ten of any AQHA class at a world show be it the Worlds, Youth or Select they are not eligible to compete in that particular class but all others.

Manitoba falls within Region 3 which is comprised of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. Region 3 has one of the strongest committees and one of the most successful Regional Experiences at this time.

The 2010 show featured a full compliment of classes was featured including cattle classes. This past year saw 283 exhibitors with 1,401 entries with a net profit of \$2,682. The show was held at the State Fair Grounds in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The venue included not only a show, but on-going clinics with local AQHA Professional Horsemen. All clinics were provided free of charge. A number of social events were planned and the trade expanding.

Plans are well underway for the 2011 show. It will be hosted July 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul and consideration is being given to introducing an Open Show offering points in conjunction with the Regional Experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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