

Barcode Scanners

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Several people have requested information about barcode scanners to use with the FairPlus! program. These scanners can be used to quickly record award information about fair exhibit items.

Chuck Nash, FairPlus! software creator, has a link on his web site for TigerDirect computer supply. Simply point your web browser to: <http://4hplus.com> and click on the Recommended Hardware Page. You will find direct links (I had to do a search for what I wanted) for different products that C&K Ventures has purchased, tested and found to work just fine with their software products.

There are two basic types of barcoders. One is the wand style (similar to a pen) and the handheld style. The wand style is cheaper but more difficult to use and a little fussy in reading the code. The handheld seems to be very easy to use with little error or difficulty in reading the barcodes.

One thing to note. The handheld barcode scanners that I have used have all plugged into the computer keyboard outlet (PS2 port). I see there is a USBi cable that converts the barcode plugin to USB.