



The Clover Chatter

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DEADLINE FOR ID FORMS

May 15th is the date for all 4-H and FFA ID forms to be on file in the Cedar County Extension Office.

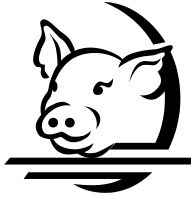


Since May 15th falls on a Saturday, forms will be allowed on Monday, May 17th—no later than 4:00 p.m. The youth committee will not accept post-marks or late forms.

Why not complete your ID forms now and get them into the office. Don't be disappointed because you waited until the last minute or you forgot.

The following animals need ID forms on file: all swine, all sheep, meat goats, all dogs (pet show and dog show), dairy cows, dairy goats, breeding heifers, cow/calf units, horse and ponies, bucket bottle calves and all open bucket bottle calves.

Market Beef and Derby Swine will already have forms in the office.



SWINE IDENTIFICATION

Remember if you have pigs to identify other than the ones that came to derby swine weigh-in, you need to add them to your swine ID form by May 15th. You cannot add pigs to the ID form after that date.

MISSING EAR TAGS

Be sure to notify the Extension office if you have a market animal with a missing ear tag. A youth committee member will contact you and make arrangements for the retag of your animal. If you have already contacted the office, youth committee members will be calling to set up an appointment for the retag.

FSQA CERTIFICATION



Don't forget about completing your FSQA training or testing.

During the past few days a postcard was sent out to all 4-H members who are enrolled in a market livestock project. The postcard information was age specific. New session date added

The age for all FSQA options is determined by age of the youth as of January 1, 2010.

9, 10, 11 years of age—must attend a FSQA training. This session is scheduled for April 1st, 6—8 pm, at the Extension Office.

12,13,14 years of age—can attend a training session scheduled for Sunday, April 11th, 5—7:00 pm, at the Extension Office.

15,16,17,18 years of age—can attend a training session scheduled for Thursday, April 29th, 6—8 pm, at the Extension Office.

Testing—contact the office to set up a time. You will need to score 70% on your test and you can take the test three (3) times on the same day.

I challenge all intermediate and seniors to take the test and avoid setting through a training session every year. I will work with you to find a time to take the test. It can be an evening, or during the day, just give a call—563-886-6157.

BREEDING BEEF/COW AND CALF

If you are planning to exhibit breeding beef at the county fair or state fair, be sure to ask for your breeding beef ID forms and complete his prior to May 15th. Your cow calf projects for the county fair also need to be entered on the breeding beef ID form.



BUCKET BOTTLE CALF

It is time to start thinking about your bucket bottle calf project. Calves need to be born between January 1st and April 30th. The calves need to be in the possession of the youth within two weeks following birth and need to be bottle or bucket fed. Remember that your ID form will need to be in the Extension office by May 15th. The May 15th deadline also applies to the open bucket bottle animals.



AREA RABBIT and CAVY WORKSHOP

The area rabbit and cavy workshop will be held at the Cedar County Fairgrounds in Tipton on Sunday, May 16th from 12:30—4:00 pm. It will be held at the 4-H food stand building. More information is available at: www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar

MEAT GOATS

If you have a meat goat project, be sure you remember to have them weighed during the May 8th market lamb and meat goat weigh in.



SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

The next meeting of the Shooting Sports Club is scheduled for April 24th. It will be held at the Richard Frauenholz residence and will start at 1:30 p.m.

It is not too late to join — just give us a call at 563-886-6157 for more information.



RABBIT WORKSHOP

Rabbit project members have an opportunity to attend a rabbit workshop on April 20th. The workshop will be held at the Muscatine County Extension Office and will start at 6:30 p.m.

The workshop will cover the basics of showing a rabbit and participating in rabbit showmanship. If you have a rabbit you can bring it to the workshop but you must have it in a carrier.

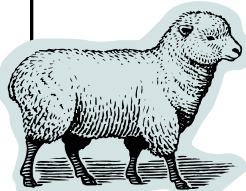
Reservations are requested and parents are encouraged to attend. Call 563-886-6157 to make your reservation. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

LEASING OF ANIMALS

The Cedar County Youth Committee would like to remind all participants in the Cedar County Fair Youth shows that all animals exhibited at the Cedar County Fair must be owned by the exhibitor. Leasing of animals is not allowed.

2010—HABITAT for HUMANITY HOUSE

The committee for the 2010 Habitat for Humanity House is still looking for some help with the home they are building. They are in need of a youth who would like to take photos of the project from start to finish. Contact Brenda at 563-432-6392 at woodland@netins.net or Janel at 563-9462098 or janelstephens@iowatelecom.net



COMMERCIAL EWES

New for sheep weigh-in....

All commercial ewes will need to come to the county weigh-in to be ear tagged. This is new for 2010 and is a requirement for all county fair, Ak-Sar-Ben and state fair animals. They will not be weighed, just ear tagged.

The weigh in is scheduled for May 8th—9:00—10:30 am.



“SET THE STAGE”

2010 4-H Youth Conference

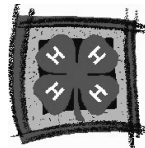
Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you have complete 8th grade, you are eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference!

You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in either animal science or crop production, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP or CSI: Crops tracks!

So mark the date of June 29—July 1 on your calendar and “Set the Stage” for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!



STATE 4-H CAMP

Information for the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid is now available on-line at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp. Eight new camps have been created for 2010. Discounts are available for 4-H members, siblings, and early registrations. Camp registration must be postmarked by April 1 to receive the early discount. TELL A FRIEND and get \$20 in your camper's store account when the friend writes your camper's name on the recruited by line on the registration form. Recruited friends must be first year campers and non-siblings.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

All ID forms are on the web page



LAMB AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

The market lamb weigh in will be held on Saturday, May 8th, from 9—10:30 am, at the Cedar County fairgrounds. Each member is allowed to weigh a maximum of 15 market sheep with no maximum number of meat goats weighed. All market lambs and meat goats must be weighed in on this date. There will be a \$2 charge for each ear tag used.

All animals going to the Iowa State Fair will require retinal imaging and Ak-Sar-Ben animals will need to have DNA samples taken. There will be a \$5 charge for each animal nominated.

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4-H LIVESTOCK EMAIL LIST

Now you can be up to date on all of the latest happenings in your favorite livestock species. The State 4-H Office is offering 4-H members, parents, project leaders and other volunteers to sign up to receive periodic emails about important upcoming deadlines, identification reminders, general reminders and other important announcements regarding 4-H livestock from the State 4-H office. Visit this link to sign up for any of the following livestock species lists:

<http://mailman.iastate.edu/mailman/listinfo>

Note: Subscribers cannot send or reply to these emails or to the lists above. They are informational only.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 1 FSQA training for Junior 4-H Members
- 11 FSQA training for Intermediate 4-H members
- 15 Regional Intermediate Canoe Trip registration
- 28 State Fair swine weigh in—fair grounds
- 29 FSQA training for Senior 4-H members

May

- 8 Market Lamb weigh-in/Commercial Ewe Ear-tagging
- 15 Last day for enrollment and project selection
- 15 All livestock ID forms are due
- 15 Last day for FSQA to be completed



INTERMEDIATE CANOE TRIP

The southeast Regional council is planning a canoe trip for intermediate (grades 7-8) 4-H members on June 5th. Canoeists will leave from McDonough Canoe Rental in Monticello. Bus transportation to Monticello will be available for those who need it for an additional charge (pick-up points will be determined by those who sign up). Registration fliers are available from the Extension Office and due April 15.