



## The Clover Chatter

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – Noon  
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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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 Sunday forms will be allowed on Monday, May 16th—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. All swine not at the derby swine weigh in must be tagged with a Cedar County 4H ear tag. It will be the responsibility of each 4-H member to ear tag their animals with this ear tag. Ear tags will need to be picked up at the Extension office and we will also check out a tagger for a deposit fee of \$25.00. The purpose of these ear tags will be for easier identification in the show ring. The ear tag numbers must be recorded on the ID form along with the correct ear notch for each pig identified. The ear notches are the actual identifier of swine at all weigh-in and check-in processes. If your animal should lose an ear tag, you will need to notify the office and receive a replacement ear tag. You will not be allowed to unload swine with out the appropriate ear tags in place.



## **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.

## **BOTTLE BUCKET CALF**

It is time to start thinking about your bottle bucket 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. May 15th deadline also applies to the pre 4-H animals.

## **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.

## **FSQA CERTIFICATION**

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

A change this year is that FSQA is determined by your grade in school and not your age as of January 1st (like years past).

4, 5, 6 grade—must attend a FSQA training. This session is scheduled from 5—7 on Sunday, April 10th at the Extension Office.

7, 8, 9 grade —can attend a training session scheduled for Monday April 11th, 6—8:00 pm, at the Extension Office.

10, 11, 12 grade —can attend a training session scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, 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.



## **AREA RABBIT and CAVY WORKSHOP**

The annual multi-county rabbit and cavy workshop will be held at the Muscatine Ag Learning center on April 2, from 12:30 – 4:00 pm. This event has previously been held at the Cedar County Fairgrounds. A flier can be found at

[www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsteens.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsteens.htm)

## **FUN RABBIT SHOW**

A fun rabbit show for 4-H and FFA members will be held on April 2 at 4:00 pm following the multi county rabbit and cavy workshop. Registration is \$1.50 per rabbit or \$1.00 per meat pen or single fryer. There will be 3 divisions, commercial, fancy, and crossbred. Questions can be referred to Zach Caslavka at 563-260-4271



## COMMERCIAL EWES

**REMINDER:** All commercial ewes will need to come to the county weigh-in to be ear tagged. This was new in 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 7th—9:00—10:30 am at the fairgrounds.

## MEAT GOATS

If you plan to exhibit meat goats you must also bring them the weigh-in on May 7th to be weighed.

## 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.

## “AIMING FOR ADVENTURE” 2011 4-H Youth Conference

4-H'ers in grades 8 – 12 should start making plans to attend the State 4-H Conference on June 28 – 30, on the ISU campus in Ames. The theme this year is “Aim for Adventure”. Conference is three days of workshops, great speakers, dances, food, making new friends and FUN! A charter bus will deliver you to Ames and back and you can invite your non-4-H friends to go with you. Mark the dates on your calendar and watch the newsletter for more information.



## STATE 4-H CAMP

Information for the Iowa 4-H Center at Madrid is available

at: [www.iowa4hcamp.com](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com). Eight new camps and many favorites offered for the 2011 camp season. Discounts available for 4-H members, siblings, and early-registrations. Register on-line or request a registration form from the camp office today.

## LEGO LEAGUE

“Medical Marvels” the Lego League 4-H club has entered a video contest for an opportunity to compete for a cash prize to benefit their club project. The video with the most votes will win one of three top prizes, up to \$1,000. Members of the club are asking for your help by voting for the video. Go to [www.facebook.com/4-H](http://www.facebook.com/4-H) and then click on the VOTE NOW button. The members and coaches would greatly appreciate your vote. Voting closes on April 8th.

## RABBIT & POULTRY PROJECTS

First year members enrolled in rabbit or poultry projects — Are you looking for hutches or carriers for your project?? If so contact Kevin Kuehl or Richard Davidson. They have a limited number of these available to project members.

## IOWA STATE FAIR VET CAMP

One of the most popular programs the Iowa state Fair offers, Vet Camp is an educational, exciting, hands-on learning program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-18 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp is a two hour program focusing on both large and small animal veterinary medicine. Vet Camp is free with paid Fair admission. Only 30 spots are available per session and sessions are assigned according to date received. Registration deadline is June 1, 2011 and forms are available on line at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org).



## WELCOME.....

The next time you contact the Extension Office you will see a new face. Lori Miller of Tipton has joined our staff as a part time Office Assistant. She is busy becoming acquainted with our office and learning the happenings of Extension. Please make her feel welcome.



## CEDAR COUNTY FAIR

July 13—17, 2011

Iowa State University  
Cedar County Extension  
107 Cedar Street  
Tipton IA 52772

April 2011 — Mailed — Tipton Post Office

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

All ID forms are on the web page



### 4-H JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Mark your calendars for June 17 and June 18 so you can attend Junior Adventure Camp. We will join with Junior 4-H members in grades 4—6 from Clinton, Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson and Muscatine counties for two days of camp. Camp will start on Friday, June 17th at 1:00 pm and finish on Saturday—June 18th at 5:00 pm. The cost for camp will be \$75 and includes meals, overnight stay, canoeing, swimming, snacks and a possible 4-H exhibit to take to the fair. Registrations forms will be mailed out to all junior members or will be available at: [www.extension.iastate.edu](http://www.extension.iastate.edu). Registrations are due May 16th.

### LAMB AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

The market lamb weigh in will be held on Saturday, May 7th, 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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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### April

- 10 FSQA training for Junior 4-H Members
- 11 FSQA training for Intermediate 4-H members
- 27 State Fair swine weigh in—fair grounds
- 28 FSQA training for Senior 4-H members

#### May

- 7 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

#### July

- 13—17 Cedar County Fair