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News for 4-H Families

April/May 2010

Spring is here! Summer and the fair will be here before we know it. Many deadlines are coming up; remember **it is the member's responsibility** to meet them!

In April we celebrate National Volunteer Week. Take time to thank the volunteers in your club and show them that you appreciate their work.

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Cathy Holtkamp
County Youth Coordinator

Livestock ID's

4-H Livestock Identifications – (ID Forms) these are due May 15th since the 15th falls on a Saturday you have until May 17th to get the form in to our office. One is included in this newsletter. Market beef, swine, market sheep and meat goats have been identified at their respective weigh-in's. Horse and pony entries use triplicate form 4H-106C: Iowa Horse and Pony Identification Form. Dog entries will use the 4-H-106 E. The dog and horse form must be requested from our office. All others are included on ID form.

State Fair Breeding Heifers and Dairy Cattle must be identified on a 4-H 106 beef or 4-H106A dairy form by 5/15. Please call the Extension Office for this form if you plan to show a breeding heifer or dairy cattle at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

FSQA

If you are a county fair swine exhibitor or plan on showing beef, sheep, swine, rabbits or dairy at the state fair you must be FSQA certified. If you did not attend the class here on the 8th you have the option of attending class in Mt. Pleasant on June 17th 6:30-8:30 pm at the Henry County Extension, Mt. Pleasant in the lower level.

Dog Classes

Dog classes will begin May 3rd on the Lee County Fairgrounds and will end June 14. There will be 2 sessions, beginners at 6:00 pm and advanced at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in taking the dog classes the fee will be \$20. Please call the Extension office to register.

Coming up...

State Lamb Weigh-in.....April 30th
County Lamb Weigh-in..May 1st
Livestock ID's due.....May 17th

Tuesday, June 22nd Communications Day

Educational Presentation- this is when you or a team has some information that you would like to share. You can put together a poster to help present this information and a title. The presentation should have a **beginning** to catch the audience's attention, the **body** that tells the information and the **closing** that summarizes the information you have given.

Working Exhibit – You or a team share information about how to do something. You give your audience the materials and the steps to make or do what you are sharing. Then with your assistance, the audience learns this process.

Share- the- Fun - You or a group may put together your talents in a skit, musical presentation, or any other creative performance you would like to share with an audience. If you have prepared for a recital, share your talents again.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Senior 4-Hers, here is an opportunity for you! Do you enjoy planning, presenting, and answering questions in a short amount of time? Consider entering the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest.



Youth Conference

The cost is \$130.00 per delegate, which includes all meals, housing, and events. For grades 8-12.

Members can experience dorm life and three days of fun on the ISU campus. Make new friends from across Iowa. Learn about yourself while developing leadership and teamwork skills.

There are scholarships available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. This event is not only for 4-H members, non-4-H members are also invited to attend and share in the fun.

If you are interested in this state event call the Extension office. Applications are due in our office by May 1st.

Scholarships & Awards

The Dwight Krebill Family gives a Doug Krebill Memorial Scholarship at the fair. Deadline – June 15th. The scholarship is for \$100.

Iowa Foundation for Agriculture – Winners Circle Scholarships – for incoming freshman in the fall of 2008 at any four or two year post-secondary institution in Iowa. Due **6/ 1/10**.
www.ifaa.orf/scholarships.html

2010 Iowa Beef Heifer Award – given at the Iowa State Fair. Must exhibit a beef animal at the state fair.

2010 Lee County Fair Booklets! Entry forms for the FAIR! Will be coming with the fair booklets! This year the books will be delivered to the leaders and if members do not attend the May meeting it will have to be picked up from the Extension office.

Lee County Fair Horse Show

This year the Lee County Fair Horse Show will be held on Tuesday, July 6th beginning at 3:30pm. Check fair booklet for classes!

Scrapie Tags – Sheep and goats must have scrapie tags in order to show at the Lee County Fair. Call 1-866-873-2823 if you need tags.

What is Premise ID?

Premise identification is part of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) being developed to identify animals and track them as they move from one location to another. The purpose of the program is to create a database that will allow a rapid traceback in the event of a disease concern. Youth may already have a premise ID number for the farm where their 4-H hogs are being cared for.

Who is Requiring Premise ID?

Currently, Premise ID numbers are required for swine by Tyson Fresh Meats and Hormel Foods. Other packers may soon follow in the coming years. This is mainly due to increasing requirements and precautions on food safety from not only U.S. entities but also those overseas including the Japanese market. **Premise ID numbers will NOT be required for the 2009 Iowa State Fair 4-H exhibitors.** Keep in mind, Premise ID number requirements may increase in the future for all swine exhibitors and possibly other species. Stay tuned for more information.

How do Youth Obtain a Premise ID Number?

The Premise ID must be for the farm where the hogs are being cared for—if that is not where the 4-H'er lives, they will need the owner of the property where the hogs are being cared for to submit the form and the 4-H'er would use that number. The form may be accessed and submitted on the web at <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf>. **It is important that youth obtain a Premise ID Number immediately to be eligible to exhibit and sell hogs at County Fairs where Tyson Fresh Meats or Hormel Foods is the buyer. It may take several weeks to receive the number, so it is important to complete the application right away.**

Questions/Premise ID application status: IDALS, 1-888-778-7675.

Food Safety Concerns and Withdrawal Requirements

Many counties go over programming in their FSQA trainings on the importance for youth to follow feed and drug withdrawal requirements. Although the U.S. and the FDA have their own set of withdrawal requirements, Japan and other countries may have stricter withdrawal periods. The National Pork Board has a listing of products and their requirements located at, <http://www.pork.org/Producers/JapanMRL.aspx> (click on Search at the bottom of the search boxes to get the entire list). This list is updated from time to time, so 4-H'ers should check it often. Many packers require swine to meet or exceed the limits set forth from Japan in order to qualify for their export market.

Important Notice!!

More and more packers are increasing their reluctance to purchase fair pigs. There may be one or a number of reasons for this (drug residues, additional testing on fair pigs as required by FSIS (Food Safety and Inspection Service), clipped pigs, etc.). In order to keep this important avenue open to our youth livestock exhibitors and county fairs, youth need to be reminded on the importance and consequences of their actions. **Feed additives and drug additives need to be followed according to their instructions and withdrawal periods!** Even though one youth may only have 3 pigs to show at a fair, they may think their actions won't affect everyone else. That simply is not the case, and it can take only one occurrence for a packer to simply stop buying fair animals altogether.

Show Lamb Training Clinic – May 22, 2010, 10am-3pm, Des Moines Co. Fairgrounds, Burlington. It's FREE! Lunch will be served and there will be many giveaways. RSVP by 4/26 to 319-754-7556.

If you have any questions on dates and deadlines please call or e-mail me at choltka@iastate.edu.

4-H t-shirts are available – all sizes!