



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## University Extension

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### OSCEOLA COUNTY 4-H OBSERVER

### FSQA INFORMATION

**All 4-H members must be FSQA certified to show animals at the Osceola County Fair.**

1. Youth, ages 9-11 by January 1, 2008, must recertify in FSQA annually. All are required to take certified FSQA training from an ISU Extension Office.
2. Youth, ages 12-14 by January 1, 2008, can recertify annually with training or test out which will certify them until they turn 15.
3. Youth, ages 15-18 by January 1, 2008, can recertify annually with training or test out which will certify them until they turn 19.
4. The Osceola County Office requires FSQA certification for swine, beef, sheep, dairy, poultry and rabbit.

**A training & testing workshop for 4th-6th graders is Saturday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Sibley.** For additional information, contact Jodi Nasers at 712-754-3648 or via e-mail at: <[jnasers@iastate.edu](mailto:jnasers@iastate.edu)>

### SWINE WEIGH-IN

There will not be a Swine Weigh-in for 2008. Identification and tagging procedures will be the same as those done in 2007. 4-H and FFA families will receive a letter detailing these procedures. Swine ID forms will be due in the Extension Office April 15.

### AGRICULTURE/LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK

The Iowa 4-H Youth Agriculture/Livestock Handbook is now on the Internet. It can be found at:  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbook.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbook.htm)

The 2008 edition will look familiar and it will fit into the current notebook tabs, General, Beef, Dairy/Goat, Ethics, etc. Each of the tab sections is divided into subsections by topic to reduce file sizes, to keep loading times to a minimum, and allow for easy updating. Each of these files can be printed separately, allowing users their own paper copies of as much of the handbook as desired. Some files will be accessible to the public, while others will be for staff only. If you have questions about being able to access the Agriculture Livestock Handbook, call the Extension Office.

### Foundation Chicks!!!

Get ready for your new chicks! Foundation Chicks will be delivered on or around May 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Sibley Elevator Office basement. Members will be contacted by telephone as to details of pick-up.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Osceola County 4-H Foundation and Mohr Memorial Fund are offering scholarships to graduating 4-H'ers. Letters explaining these opportunities will be mailed to seniors. Applications and record books are due to the Extension Office **May 15, 2008**.

## Horse Leadership Opportunity

Osceola County 4-H Horsemen and Women!

\*What Horse discipline do you excel in?

\*Do you need a leadership project?

\*Why not share your talents with other 4-hers?

Support your Osceola 4-H Horse Program.

If you would be interested in helping others in horsemanship, please call one of our horse Supers and make yourself available during our pre-fair horse practices.



## GOAT & SHEEP WEIGH-IN

Osceola County sheep and Goat weigh-in will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 9-10 am at the Osceola County Fairgrounds.

## REMINDER

4-H/FFA members **MUST** attend at least **1/3** of their club/chapter meetings to be eligible to participate at the 2008 Osceola County fair.

## Good Ole Summertime

A request on behalf of the Chamber for any 4-H club(s) to join in with the GOS activities this year. We would like to have carnival games again this year as well as a petting zoo or pony rides or something. We appreciate any help with any of these but I would also like to request the help of the 4H groups. There will be tons of people in town for this event this year with the all school reunion, so the more help the better! The times we are looking to have these activities will be from 9a-2p or so...in central park. Let me know if you have any questions. They may contact me (754.3212) if they are willing to help out. Thanks for your help. Let me know if you need any other information.

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Executive Director  
Sibley Chamber of Commerce  
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[www.sibleyiowa.net](http://www.sibleyiowa.net)

## Your Emails are needed.....

Due to the increase of postage and decrease in our budget, we are asking the 4-H families to please send me a email at [inasers@iastate.edu](mailto:inasers@iastate.edu) to obtain your address to send you your Osceola County Observer via Email. Thank you for your support!

## IOWA 4-H T-SHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for T-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. The shirts will be customized with Osceola County on the top line and you may add your club name to the bottom line or leave it blank. Order forms will be available at the County Carnival March 29, 2008 and at the Extension Office. Orders must be in by April 3, 2008.

**2008 Osceola County Fair 4-H/FFA  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • 2008**

**MEDIA DAYS: JULY 17-19**

**Tuesday, July 15**

8:30-NOON: NON-LIVESTOCK JUDGING AT  
ATHE HIGH SCHOOL

1:15-4PM: COMMUNICATIONS AND  
CLOTHING EVENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

7:00 PM: QUEEN CONTEST/LITTLE MISS  
OSCEOLA AT THE GREAT PLAINS  
BUILDING

p.m. Horses may be brought in to the Fair  
grounds but not mandatory

**Wednesday, July 16**

6:00-11:00AM: BEEF WEIGH-IN (Beef /Horse  
Exhibitors have Priority weigh-in at 6-7:30 )

SWINE AND POULTRY ENTRY DAY

9:30AM: Mandatory Horse Check- in @ Fair  
grounds

10:00AM: HORSE SHOW

3:00PM: SMALL PET SHOW & DOG SHOW

6:00PM: 2007 SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

7:30PM: SHARE-THE-FUN AND FASHION  
REVIEW AT THE GRAND STAND.

**Thursday, July 17**

7:00-10:00AM: DAIRY, SHEEP & RABBIT  
ENTRY DAY

7:00AM: SWINE SHOW

1:30PM: POULTRY SHOW

3:30 PM: HORSE SHOW/GAMES

6:00PM: PEN OF THREE

7:00 PM: ATV – Pull / GRAND STAND

**Friday, July 18**

8:00AM: BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF  
INTERVIEWS

8:00AM: Feeder Calf  
Cow/Calf  
Breeding Heifer  
Market Beef  
Bottle Bucket

1:00PM: DAIRY SHOW

3:00PM: RABBIT SHOW

5:00PM: 4-H BBQ

SWINE RELEASE UPON SELLING TO  
PACKER

GRAND STAND/GREAT PLAINS TRACTOR  
PULLERS

**Saturday, July 19**

9:00AM: GOAT & SHEEP SHOW

11:30 2008 SUPER SHOWMANSHIP IN THE  
SHOW RING

SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

GRAND STANDS FUN AFTERNOON

EVENTS: MUD VOLLEY BALL, AG

OLYMPICS & DOG AGILITY

**ALL 4-H, FFA, & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS  
(LIVESTOCK & NON-LIVESTOCK) RELEASE  
AFTER 2PM.**

7:00PM: GRAND STAND/DEMOLITION  
DERBY

9:30-11:30PM: OSCEOLA COUNTY FAIR  
DANCE AT THE 4-H BUILDING.

**\*LIVESTOCK PENS MUST BE CLEANED OUT TO  
RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY.**

**\*SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE DUE TO CONFLICTS**