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Livestock ID's online! You can print your own id forms from our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/lyon/info/fairforms.htm> The Lyon County 4-H/FFA Fair book (& the update for 2009) is also at this site. Every family will receive a hard copy of the fair book insert from your 4-H leader. FFA members can get one from their FFA advisor.

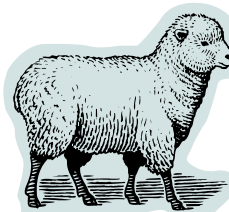
Don't Forget! Animal ID's are due in the Extension Office by **May 15th** for all species (**including pets**) except for rabbits which are due June 1st. Also, please pick up your ear tags for feeder calf, bucket calf, sheep, goat, and market swine at \$2/tag. If you don't get livestock ID's on **Friday May 15th**, **you won't be able to exhibit livestock at the fair. Fair Entries Forms, livestock cards, COOL affidavits (for beef & swine) & stall fees are all due on June 25th!**

Site Checks for all Breeding beef
Beef superintendents & Extension staff will be coming sometime after May 15th to sites to see beef animals to verify Identification. If your beef animals are not at your home location, you

must let the extension office know the address, so we can coordinate our site visits. More information & dates will be coming.

Broiler Projects pick up date

4-Hers who signed up for the broiler project must pick up their birds on Thursday **May 20th** between 8-9 am at Wes & Esther Moser's Farm. Their address is 2245 Iowa 9 Lester. (First house on the south side of Hwy 9 to the west of Lester.) The price for 50 birds is \$37.50 & for 100 birds is \$75.00. A reminder letter will be sent to each participant of the project.



Pen of 3 Sheep

There will be a rate of gain contest for the Pen of 3 Sheep this year at the Lyon County Fair. We are having a spring weigh-in on **May 9th** at the Lyon County Fairgrounds from 9-11 am in the swine barn. The sheep will be sheared that day. Rules were sent to all former sheep exhibitors from last year & are also available at the website, or at the extension office.

Fair – The Lyon County Fair Theme for 2009, July 13-16 is Voyage to Greatness! Communications/Clothing Event will be Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 pm for clothing & 6:30 for communications. Non-livestock judging will be Thursday, July 9 & Fair Schedule is:
Monday –13th

9:00 – Horticulture Judging
12:30 - Bucket Calf Interviews
1:00 - Pet Show
3:00 Bucket Calf Show
5:00 - Rabbit Show

Tuesday –14th

9:00 - Dairy
9:00 - Horse
3:00 - Sheep/Goat

Wednesday – 15th

8 00- Beef
12:30 - Poultry
2:30 Horse

Thursday- 16th

8:00 – Swine

Multi-County Animal Workshop

Wednesday May 27th there will be a Multi-county Animal Workshop in Primghar at the O'Brien County Fairgrounds. Learn about grooming, showing, and showmanship for beef, swine, sheep, goat, horse, poultry and rabbit. Registration is FREE. Sign-up begins at 6:00 pm with workshops running from 6:30-8:00 pm Door prizes will be awards and concessions will be available.

4Her's for 4-H – This year's campaign will be used to provide financial assistance for 4-H camps, 4-H Youth Conference, and area 4-H councils programs. The recommended donation is \$2.50/member & should be made to the Iowa 4-H Foundation by May 15th.



What: With the 9 wedding dresses the Iowa 4-H Foundation had leftover from the eBay auction last year, they have developed a competition for youth to deconstruct the dresses and reconstruct them into another wearable garment. One person on each team will then model their garment at the fashion show Saturday Aug. 22nd at the Iowa State Fair. Youth will apply in teams of four and 9 teams will be selected to compete. Over the course of two days each team will be able to use their creativity to create a new garment. Each team will be paired with an ISU Textiles and Clothing Student to assist with patternmaking.

When: Friday & Saturday, August 21-22, 2009

Where: 4-H Exhibit building, Iowa State Fairgrounds

Des Moines, Iowa

Who: All Iowa high school youth who have completed 9-12th grades are eligible (at least one member of each team must be a 4-Her)

For more details & applications go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/stitchthisreg.htm> or email iowa4h@iastate.edu

Applications are due June 1st and winners will be announced July 1st. **This is completely separate from the County Clothing Event on July 7th.**



Photography Workshop

There will be a digital photography workshop for 4-Hers on Monday **June 15th** from 9 am-1 pm at the Island Park enclosed shelter house (by the pool) in Rock Rapids. See the attached registration form for details.



Safety Day - A

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for **4 - 7 year olds** will be held on **June 11th** from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Lyon County Fairgrounds commercial building. Registration forms will be delivered to schools or can be picked up at our office. There is a limit of 60 kids.

New rule on \$15.00 Challenge

CLASS CH-\$15.00 Challenge (purchased outfit)

Lot Jr. – Junior (4th-5-6th grades)

Lot Int. – Intermediate (7th-8th grades)

Lot Sr. – Senior (9-10-11-12th grades)

The \$15.00 Challenge is designed to expand the 4-H'ers shopping experience to different shopping venues. Outfits **must** be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army or similar place. (hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts belong in **clothing selection** IF the 4-H'er actually selected the item(s). All participants (male or female) to qualify for participation in the state event should:

- a) Purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'ers goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
- b) Have had individual planned or county experiences(s) in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price and cost comparison
- c) Outfits **must** be selected and/or purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop including Goodwill, Salvation Army or other stores of this types. (Garage sale "free box" items would qualify).
- d) Cost of outfit must be \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.
- e) Receipt(s) **MUST** be turned in with Clothing Event Report Form.

4-Hers don't have to be enrolled in the clothing project to participate in \$15.00 challenge.

Horticulture Workshop

Would you like to learn about exhibiting quality Horticulture Projects (specifically vegetables) for the Lyon County Fair? Call to register at the office for the Horticulture Workshop on Friday **June 19th** from 10-11:30 am at the Extension office.



2009 Iowa 4-H

Youth Conference -

Attention youth in eighth grade through 12th grades! The 2009 State 4-H Conference will take place on the Iowa State University campus, June 30-July 2. This year's theme is "Voyage to Greatness" and will feature great dances, workshops, and speakers. All youth (not just 4-H members) who have completed eighth grade may attend, so recruit a friend to attend with you! The \$125 registration fee includes all meals, lodging, and conference programming. **County Council members can attend for free this year!!! Take advantage of this offer from our County Extension Council. Registration is due by May 15th.**

Conference participants will be involved in many activities including educational workshops of their choice, motivational speakers, community service projects, 2 dances, and other fun activities. Animal Science ROUNDUP participants will be involved in workshops with beef, dairy, sheep, horse, and swine as well as many of the activities with conference. CSI: Crops participants will use the latest electronic devices and tools to solve insect disease, weed, and plant growth problems as well as participate in many other conference activities.

For more information go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference or stop by the extension office to pick up your registration form.

Dairy Dates Updated

There was an oversight in the fair entry update of not updating the birth dates for dairy animals that was gave to the 4-H leaders to give each family. So here are the dates with Lots (1-12) to all the dairy project members. This will be very helpful when filling out the fair entry forms that are due June 25th so that you know which Lot your dairy animal belongs in. If you go off of the fair book from last year, the years need to be updated.

Lot 1-Jr. Heifer

Born 03/01/09 to 04/30/09

Lot 2-Inter. Heifer

Born 12/01/08 to 02/28/09

Lot 3-Sr. Heifer

Born 09/01/08 to 11/30/08

Lot 4-Summer Yearling

Born 06/01/08 to 08/31/08

Lot 5-Jr. Yearling

Born 03/01/08 to 05/31/08

Lot 6-Winter Yearling

Born 12/01/07 to 02/28/08

Lot 7-Sr. Yearling

Born 09/01/07 to 11/30/07

Lot 8-All Dry Cows All ages

Lot 9-2 year olds Born 09/01/06 to 08/31/07

Lot 10-3 year olds Born 09/01/05 to 8/31/06

Lot 11-4 & 5 year olds

Born 09/01/03 to 08/31/05

Lot 12-Aged Cows

Born before 09/01/03

FYI

- ◆ May 15 – Livestock ID's due, State Conf Registration Due, 4-H'ers for 4-H Cont. Due
- ◆ June 1st - Rabbit ID's are due
- ◆ June 15th -Photography Workshop
- ◆ June 19th -Horticulture Workshop
- ◆ June 25th -Fair Entries Due
- ◆ June 30th -July 2nd -State Conference
- ◆ July 7 – Communications/Clothing Event
- ◆ July 9 – Static Exhibit Judging
- ◆ July 13–16–Lyon County Fair
- ◆ Aug 13-23-Iowa State Fair

