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## **F**SQQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) -

**This program is required of all fair exhibitors of food production animals. This includes swine, beef, dairy, poultry, all rabbits, all goats, and sheep.** Guidelines established by the State 4-H office & the National Pork Producers are as follows. All youth ages 9-11 will need to attend a FSQA workshop annually in order to show food production animals at the Lyon County Fair. Youth ages 12-14 have the option of attending the workshop annually or taking a test that will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 have the option of attending the workshop annually or taking a test that will certify them until they turn 19. All ages will be as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year.

The FSQA workshop training & testing date is **Monday March 30th 7:00 – 9:00 pm** at the Rock Rapids Library basement. **If this date doesn't not work for testing, please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.** \* If your child must attend training and can not make to our training, **they must watch the 2 hr training video at the extension office or go to another counties training.**

## **F**air book Insert for 2009

This year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2008-2009 Lyon County Fair book. The 4-H fair book insert with rule updates for 2009 is near completion & will handed out at the spring 4-H Leader meeting & will also be on our website this spring. 4-H Leaders will pass the insert out at the next Club meeting following our 4-H leaders meeting.

## **S**wine Derby Weigh-in Dates

Derby swine weigh-ins will be April 3, 4, and 6. In addition to \$2.00 for each ear tag, a fee of \$10.00 will be owed for the on-farm visit by a swine committee member per site. This will be billed to the 4-Her/FFA exhibitor following weigh-ins. Please call a swine committee member (Brad Meyer, Mike Munns, Craig Metzger, or Jeff Hrdlicka) to schedule the weigh in. Market swine need to be ear tagged, identified by May 15<sup>th</sup> & refer to the swine letter sent out at the end of February for details. Signed Swine affidavits are due May 15<sup>th</sup> to the extension office or animals will not be eligible to show at fair.

**F**air – The Lyon County Fair Theme for 2009, July 13-16 is Voyage to Success. The Clothing Judging will start at 6:00 pm Tuesday, July 7 and Communications will start at 6:30 pm the same evening. Non-livestock judging will be Thursday, July 9. Fair Entries are due June 25<sup>th</sup> to the Extension Office.

## **S**heep/Goats at Iowa State Fair

If you plan to show sheep or goats at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben there will be a sheep weigh-at Sioux County Fairgrounds in Sioux Center from 8-11 am on Saturday May 2, 2009.

## **P**en 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **S**ewing Workshop open still

There is still room available in the Sewing Workshop on March 21<sup>st</sup>. All of the sewing machines we have on hand have been reserved, so any registrations received between now & the deadline will need to bring their own sewing machine.

**L**ivestock ID's online! You can print your own id forms from our website. Check us out at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/lyon/info/fairforms.htm> !

## **S**pring 4-H Leaders Meeting

The Mandatory Spring 4-H Leaders Meeting will be Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the US Bank Basement at 7:00 pm. All materials for fair will be handed out at this time including Livestock ID forms, Fair entry forms, Livestock Cards, Fairbook Inserts for 2009, etc. If you are unable to attend, please let Katie know & we'll get you the DVD training video or you can do it online as an option now.

## **C**ounty Council Meeting

The March County Council meeting will be Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the Extension Office.

## **T**-Shirts available for sale

The Extension office has new 4-H T-shirts available for \$7.00 a piece. A variety of sizes ranging from youth medium to adult medium are in stock. If you show livestock at fair, you must wear a 4-H t-shirt for most of the shows & It is also great for non-livestock exhibitors to wear on Static Judging day.

## **4**-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Scheduled

The 2009 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in Oelwein. For more details, go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookdairy.htm>

## **I** FAA Winner's Circle

### **Scholarships Information Available**

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement is again asking your help in getting information out to eligible high school students in Iowa about IFAA's twenty-five (25) scholarships totaling \$39,000. These scholarships are available to incoming freshman in the Fall of 2009 at any four- or two-year post-secondary institution in Iowa. The application deadline is June 1, 2009.

You will find the following information at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/Public09IFAAInfo.pdf>:

1. Scholarship Information Letter
2. List of 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarships available to Incoming Freshman
3. 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarship Application for all Incoming Freshman Scholarships

We do appreciate your assistance in getting our scholarship information out to all youth involved in 4-H. If you have any questions, please contact [Linda@slweldon.net](mailto:Linda@slweldon.net) or at 515-685-3719.

## **H**erbert Hoover Uncommon

**Student Award For Juniors:** The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a \$5,000 scholarship program for Iowa juniors, doesn't evaluate grades, test scores, or essays.

Applicants propose a project they want to accomplish. Approximately 15 juniors are chosen in April to participate & then complete their projects. In the fall of the senior year they make presentations about their projects at the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum in West Branch, near Iowa City. Each student receives a \$1,000 stipend. Three are chosen to win \$5,000 scholarships for a 2 or 4 year school anywhere in the nation. For more information go to:

[www.hooverassociation.org](http://www.hooverassociation.org).

**Deadline: March 31, 2009.** To request an application brochure: 800-828-0475 or [scholarship@hooverassociation.org](mailto:scholarship@hooverassociation.org).

## **FYI**

- ◆ March 21<sup>st</sup> Sewing Workshop
- ◆ March 26<sup>th</sup> County Council Meeting
- ◆ March 30th-FSQA testing/training
- ◆ April 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-H Mandatory Leaders Meeting
- ◆ April 3,4, 6 Swine Weigh-ins
- ◆ May 2<sup>nd</sup> State Fair/Aksarben Sheep/Goat Weighin
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>-Pen of 3 Sheep Weighin
- ◆ May 15<sup>th</sup>-All Livestock ID's are due to Extension office, Rabbits are June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ June 25-All Fair Entries are due to Extension office
- ◆ June 29 -July 1- Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- ◆ July 7 - Communications/Clothing Event
- ◆ July 9- Static Exhibit Judging
- ◆ July 13-16 - Lyon County Fair
- ◆ Aug 13 - 23- Iowa State Fair

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