



Clover Leaflet

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2008 4-H News



Spring is on it's way! It looks like March has come in like a lion, so hopefully warmer weather is on it's way!

It has come to my attention that several families did not receive their February newsletter. I apologize for this—we think the culprit was a missing page of labels, so hopefully the problem is corrected for this month! If you happen to hear of any families who miss out on the March newsletter, please encourage them to contact the extension office in case it is a larger problem than just mailing labels—we want to be sure that everyone stays informed! If you are one of the families who missed out on February's newsletter and would still like a copy, please call the office or send me an email and I will be happy to get you a copy. Thanks for your patience, and again I apologize for the mishap!

Any dates or information that have carried over from the February newsletter will also be included here, and as always if you have any questions/comments/concerns, please feel free to contact me at the extension office!

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March 7th - FSQA—Int/Sr. Exhibitors

March 10th — Initial meeting date for sheep project (See p. 2)

March 17th — FSQA— Int/Sr Exhibitors

March 18th — 4-H Leader Training

March 26th--Legislative Day

March 29th— Southwest Area Judges Training, Creston High School

April 12th - Swine Weigh-In (9-Noon)

April 28th—FSQA—Jr. Exhibitors

May 2nd—Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In 5-7p.m.

May 3rd— Clarke County Classic Youth Rabbit Show

June 4th—FSQA Test-Out

June 23rd—FSQA—Jr. Exhibitors



MEMBER NEWS

4-H Sheep Project Meeting Dates

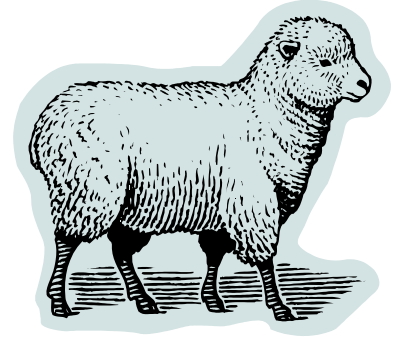
March 10th: At this meeting, county fair rule changes will be discussed. We will be looking at different breeds of sheep with color pictures, and there will be discussion about feeding the ewe flock, and how and what to select for a project. 7:00 PM—Extension Office.

April 10th: This meeting will cover feeding a show lamb, and building a feed bunk. Everyone who attends this meeting will assemble a hanging feed bunk to take home! 7:00 PM—Extension Office

May 2nd: Sheep and Goat weigh-in.

June 14th: Lamb Fitting and Show clinic, 10:00 AM—Darwin Downing's farm.

July 14th: County fair preparation, 7:00 PM—Extension Office.



Clarke County's 22nd Annual Rabbit Classic

This year's rabbit show will be held at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. The show will begin at 9:30 AM, and rabbits will be judged by licensed ARBA judge, Judith Oldenburg Graf. This show is open to all youth under the age of 19. For registration and workshop information contact the Extension office (641)342-3316, Show Superintendent Vance Vestweber (641)443-2311, or Frank Gale (641)782-2998. Entries are due **April 25th** to the Clarke County Extension Office.

Clarke County Youth Rodeo

The Clarke County Youth Rodeo will hold a series of rodeos this summer. Along with the traditional events, this year's series will also include goat tail untie and sanctioned dummy roping. There are events for youth preschool through high school. Events will be held at the Clarke County Fair Grounds on the following dates:

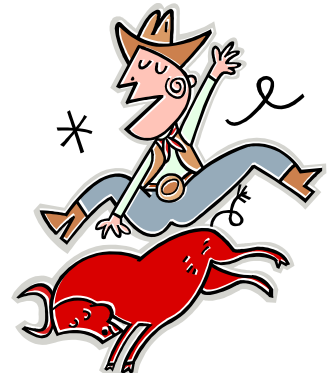
June 22nd, 2008—10 AM

July 25th, 2008—4 PM

August 17th, 2008—10 AM

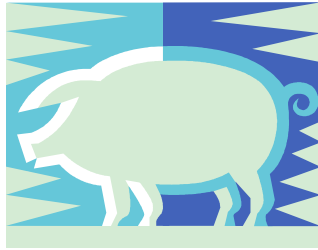
For more information or to register, email erinccyr@yahoo.com. Also keep up to date with the schedule/registration at:

www.cowboycalendar.com



Swine Graphics Pigs Available

Swine Graphics will offer up to 4 pigs per 4-Her to grow as a project and to show at the 2008 Clarke County Fair. Kids must sign up at the Extension Office and agree to care for and finish the pigs out. Pigs are \$30 each, payable upon the sale of the finished market pig. They come vaccinated and with a PRRS-ve negative test. Pigs will be delivered the day of the weigh-in, April 12th, 9-noon. **4-Hers and their parents must sign an agreement to take the pigs at time of delivery.** Everyone must realize that upon agreeing to purchase a pig, there is no opportunity to back out. Once the pigs leave the Swine Graphics facility, they cannot return due to bio-security reasons. Ordering deadline is **April 7th, by 4:30 PM** at the extension office.



Swine News

Please be sure to visit

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/agriculture/livestockhandbookswine.htm>

for Iowa State Fair exhibitor information, intent to participate form, and state fair weigh-in and verification sites! **Your intent to participate (for state fair) form is due to the Clarke County office by March 14th.** There are also some changes to Ak-Sar-Ben. For 2008, all Ak-Sar-Ben swine will nominate through the county office, regardless of state fair site. Ak-Sar-Ben will send DNA envelopes directly to county offices. **Deadline for Ak-Sar-Ben swine is June 15th.** All forms, hair samples, and payment (\$5/head) will be sent from the county office. For more information, contact the Ak-Sar-Ben office at (402)554-9600, and ask for Christy.

If you are interested in an informational handout on Tips for Purchasing Pigs for the County Fair (from our area Swine Field Specialist), please stop by the extension office and request one!



Pork Youth 101 Conference March 14th-5th 2008, Waterloo

This may be late notice, but this wonderful opportunity just came across my desk and I wanted to be sure to share it with all of you, in case you are able to attend!

Friday, March 14th—1 p.m tour at the John Deere Tractor Plant, and choice of evening activity (UNI wellness center, Bowling, or Movie)

Saturday, March 15th—Swine workshops at Hawkeye Community College 9 AM-3PM.

Cost is \$20/student (for hotel, food, and entertainment)

Sign up by emailing: info@iowapork.org

Missing Enrollments

Please encourage your fellow club members to turn in all missing paperwork or enrollment forms as soon as possible. The deadline was December 15th, but we will still accept re-enrollment forms for a little while longer. We are also missing several medical release forms and many of you had mentioned an interest in adding projects to your enrollments. This all needs to be turned in ASAP! We cannot have updated information for club and project leaders without the information from you. Also, you may miss out on important project information if you haven't signed up for it yet! If you have any questions regarding your enrollment status or any missing information, please contact the extension office and we will be happy to assist you!



▶ If your club is interested in including a news article in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Kate and she can help you make that happen! If your club has an event or any information you'd like publicized to the rest of the county, the newsletter is a great way to reach other 4-Hers. This is a great opportunity for your news reporter to put their skills to work and let everyone else know what is going on in your club.

Club News Reporter Information

Hoover Uncommon Student Award

Application information is now available for a \$5000 scholarship program! The award is for studies at an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university anywhere in the United States. The deadline for application is March 31, 2008. For more information, contact Patricia Hand at 800-828-0475, or at scholarship@hooverassociation.org.



FSQA—Food Safety and Quality Assurance Program

We still have a number of you enrolled in projects that require FSQA that have not signed up for a training date yet! Who needs FSQA training? All youth who plan to exhibit beef, swine, sheep, dairy, poultry, rabbit, or goat at the Clarke County fair and/or the Iowa State Fair. Dates are listed on the front of your newsletter—please call the extension office to sign up for a training session. The June 4th test-out is only available to intermediate and senior exhibitors, **all junior members must attend a training session.** Intermediate and Senior members are welcome to attend training sessions as well but they are the only members eligible for the test-out option.



Volunteer Leader Training—Rescheduled

Our February volunteer leader training had to be cancelled due to the wonderful weather we've been experiencing lately. We have now rescheduled for March 18th, again at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. Our area Youth Field Specialist, Karen Pattison will be there to give a presentation for the first half, and then we have some materials and information for you during the 2nd half of the meeting. Please be sure to let us know if you are unable to attend this meeting so we can get this information to you in a timely manner. Also for club leaders, if possible please bring with you a recent attendance record so we can be sure all kids that are coming to meetings have filled out new enrollment forms.



A New Extension Resource!

Iowa State University is excited to be a part of a national endeavor of an online informational wealth of information. eXtension (pronounced E-Extension) is an educational partnership of more than 70 land grant universities, including Iowa State University, helping Americans improve their lives with access to timely, objective, research-based information and educational opportunities. eXtension's interactive Web site,

<http://www.extension.org>

is customized with links to state extension Web sites. This will certainly not replace the information available to you at the extension office, but is a nice resource to be able to access when you have a question that may come up after office hours. Be sure to check it out!



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In like a lion ...
...(hopefully!) out like a lamb!

