

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK DATES

- ☼ Sheep Weigh-in – May 7, 6:00-9:00PM
- ☼ Blue Cards Due – July 1
- ☼ Iowa State Fair Livestock & Horticulture entries due – July 1
- ☼ Pullorum Blood Testing – July 23, 7:00-8:00PM

SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH IN - MAY 7

The 2009 county fair season is quickly approaching! The goat and sheep weigh-in has been scheduled for Thursday, May 7, from 6-8 p.m. in Barn 5. If you intend to show county production lambs, county meat goats, Aksarben and/or Iowa State Fair market lambs/meat goats you will need to bring those lambs/goats to the weigh-in for the nomination process.

For county fair, you may nominate up to 3 lambs for the production lamb class of which you may exhibit one lamb (other nominated lambs may be shown in market or ewe lamb classes). Meats goats for county fair must be weighed as well on May 8; there is no limit at this time on the number of goats you may nominate.

For Iowa State Fair nominations, you may weigh-in a maximum of 15 market sheep and 10 meat goats. For Aksarben, there is no limit you may nominate (could be separate from State Fair) for market sheep and an additional 10 for meat goats. Lambs and goats nominated for the Iowa State Fair and Aksarben are eligible to be shown at the county fair.

The cost to nominate animals for the state fair or Aksarben is \$5 per head. Animals nominated for both the state fair and Aksarben will cost \$10 per head. Please remember that all lambs and goats at the county fair will need a scrapie tag or tattoo identification when they arrive at the fair in July.

For complete project guidelines visit www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/news/fairbook.htm

BREED PAPERS for BREEDING BEEF

For breeding beef nomination due May 15 for county, state fair or Aksarben, you must have the registration papers at check in time during the county fair, the papers need to be in the exhibitor's name (exception: Simmental & Belgian Blue allow a family/farm name) and the proper identification information must be on the nomination form by May 15. The alternative is that the animal will show in the crossbred division. For a complete list of requirements, please contact Gene at 337-2145.

BUCKET BOTTLE EXHIBITORS

4-H and FFA members interested in showing bucket bottle calves should stop by or contact the Extension Office. Exhibitors will need to nominate and tag their calves by May 15. We have an information packet that includes management, care tips, and the report form that needs to be turned in at the interview on Saturday, July 25. We provide tags and a tagger, if needed. Youth may nominate up to 3 calves but only one may be shown at the fair. Calves need to be born between January 1 and May 15 and have nursed from the cow no more than 2 weeks. If you have questions please contact Gene Mohling at mohling@iastate.edu or call 337-2145.

Parents of youth in the K-3 bucket bottle program need to contact the Extension office and provide the name and contact information of the youth. Guidelines for the K-3 and the 4-H/FFA division will be online later this spring plus the information will be provided in the fair book.

2009 CATCH A CALF PROGRAM

4-H/FFA youth in grades 4th through 8th (as of January 1, 2009) who are enrolled by May 15 are eligible to participate in the Catch A Calf program in Johnson County. The program promotes participation in the breeding beef project area. Youth who submit an application are interviewed. Based on the interview, selected youth will have an opportunity to catch a heifer calf which will become their project the following year. For a complete set of guidelines and an application go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/info/4h/fo rms.htm> or contact the Extension office to obtain a copy. If you have questions call Gene Mohling at 337-2145.

Iowa State Fair Market Broiler Division

The 4-H Market Broiler project is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers interested in the poultry project. 4-H'ers in 5th -12th grades may fill out a request to purchase market broilers for the Iowa State Fair. The cost for a 50 bird order is \$60.00. Birds will be shipped to member's home around July 1. Each participant then exhibits one pen of five broilers at the Iowa State Fair. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office and on the web at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHPoultryBroilerEntry.pdf. Entries are due June 1.

4-H RABBIT CARRIER and SUPPLY WORKSHOP

A workshop will be held Sunday, May 17th from 1:00-4:00 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Building C.

FSQA CERTIFICATION

For the 2009 Johnson County Fair and Iowa State Fair, all youth who exhibit rabbits, poultry, market beef, breeding beef, dairy cattle, swine, goats, and sheep will need to be certified in the Food Safety & Quality Assurance program. This marks the 6th year of the program.

Youth are classified according to their age as of January 1 of the current year. Seniors are those 15 years of age or older by January 1. Intermediates are ages 12, 13, and 14 on or before January 1. Juniors are under the age of 12 as of January 1.

To receive certification, Intermediates and Seniors have two options: they can take an exam (multiple choice) and pass with a grade of 70% or higher or attend one of the two hour FSQA training classes. Either option will fulfill the requirement. If the exhibitor selects the testing option, once they pass the exam they have fulfilled their FSQA requirement for the remaining years of the age group they are in. For example, a Senior who passes the exam has completed their FSQA requirement for the rest of their 4-H tenure. Exhibitors may also attend FSQA training in another county if they wish; that county will be responsible for contacting us to verify the exhibitor attended a meeting or taken the test. The test will also be offered to participants at each class in Johnson County.

For Juniors, their only option is to attend one of the two hour training classes.

The classes for 2009 will be held on Thursday, May 7, 6:30-8:30 PM and Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-8:30 PM. All sessions are in Montgomery Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. If you have questions call Gene at 319/337-2145 or e-mail mohling@iastate.edu.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

What does Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) mean to Johnson County 4-H'ers and what steps will you need to follow? As many of you know, the USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at,

<http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>.

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

- The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at, <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc>. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.
- **4-H'ers who raise their own livestock** for their projects need to fill this affidavit out

and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records (calving report, PigChamp, PigTales, etc.), purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

- **4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others** MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

The USDA has given limited guidance on the implementation of COOL to allow for flexibility at the local level. All youth who exhibit dairy cattle, beef (market & breeding), swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, and bucket bottle calves will need to use the affidavit. It is the RESPONSIBILITY of each 4-H member/4-H family to be in compliance with the Country of Origin Labeling guidelines.

It is recommend as part of this process that exhibitors who show large animals (beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and/or swine) apply for and obtain a premise identification number from the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship. The Extension Office has Premise ID applications forms. There is no cost to obtain a premise ID and you only need to complete this process once for a family. All youth in a family would use the same premise ID number. All swine exhibitors at the 2008 Johnson County 4-H/FFA Fair were required to obtain a premise ID and have fulfilled this request.

If you have any questions please contact Gene Mohling at 319-337-2145 or by email at mohling@iastate.edu. Your patience is appreciated as we work towards meeting these new expectations for the 2009 county fair!

IOWA STATE FAIR ENTRIES

Iowa State Fair livestock entries are due July 1, 2009. The forms will be available in mid June for you to pick up. Please keep in contact with us as we get closer to the entry time line. Note about the **Iowa State Fair Premium Books!!** The Iowa State Fair Premium Book will be available exclusively online. The Premium Book can be accessed at www.iowastatefair.org. No hard copies will be mailed to 4-H families or County Extension Offices.

HORSE CARE CLINIC

Sand Road Tack & Supply, Riverside Iowa will host a horse care clinic on May 12 at 7:00P. Elson Miller of Kalona will speak about horse hoof and leg care.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

STATE 4-H COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Adults are needed as chaperones for the 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops. As a chaperone, you will spend three exciting days with over 1,000 teens learning new things, hearing motivating speakers, and most of all, having fun. If you would like to help out by volunteering as a chaperone for the conference (June 30-July 2), contact Dianna for details. Your help is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

JOHNSON CO 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

Alyssa Foster – Johnson County Endowment & Youth Development Committee

Tom Holubar – Marlys Hebl Memorial & Youth Development Committee

Amber Hurt – Youth Development Committee

Ian Michel – Betty Hebl Memorial

Ashley Payne – Youth Development Committee

Peter Pisarik – Sam Miller Memorial

Brittany Reynolds – Youth Development Committee

Alicia Schnoebelen – Johnson County Endowment

Greg Wall – Ruth Wagner Farm Bureau & Youth Development Committee

Casey Williams – George Reeve Memorial

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

IOWA 4-H CENTER 2009 UPDATE

2009 Summer Camp information is now on-line at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp.

STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

The date has been set for the 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops. From June 30-July 2, over 1,000 youth from across the state are expected to attend this annual event held at Iowa State University. This year's theme is "Voyage to Greatness." Conference participants will be involved in many activities including workshops, motivational speakers, community service projects, dances, and many 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 the 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, contact the Johnson County Extension Office at 337-2145.

FARM SAFETY 4 JUST KIDS

Muscatine County 4-H'er Kristin McConnaha is planning a Farm Safety 4 Just Kids event on June 13th from 1:00-5:00 PM at the Muscatine Ag Learning Center Lucas Street, Muscatine. This is open to the public for kids and adults and is FREE!

Schedule:

1:00 Open

2:00 Speaker - Marilyn Adams, Founder of FS4JK

3:30 Speaker - Chris Cornelius, Cornelius Seed

Demonstrations and displays will be throughout the afternoon.

Drawings will also be held and there will be games and prizes.

Snacks will be provided.

Topics covered will be roadway safety, grain safety, power-take-off safety, animal safety and ATV safety.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H MILLION TREES PROJECT

4-H clubs and members are invited to participate in the 4-H Million Trees (4HMT) project.

4HMT is supported by National 4-H Headquarters and the Arbor Day Foundation. To learn more about 4HMT, or to register as a participating club, visit the 4HMT web site at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>.

RECRUITMENT

ENROLLMENT COMPETITION

Again we will have a competition for increasing membership to your club. There are two ways to win:

- 1) – total number of new memberships and
- 2) – percentage gain of membership compared to last year.

Enrollment must be completed by May 15. Winners in each category will win a pizza party for their 4-H members. Good Luck!

COUNTY FAIR PREP

FAIR BOOK and NOMINATION FORMS ON-LINE

The 2009 fairbook and livestock nomination forms are all on line at www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/news/fairbook.htm and www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/info/4h/animalid.htm respectively. Please utilize these sites and we hope that you find them useful!

POP TAB CHALLENGE!

Have you been saving your pop tabs?? The Golden Rule/Golden Star 4-H club will once again be sponsoring the pop tab challenge. Please start saving your pop tabs and we will collect them the week of the fair. Bring them to the fair by Tuesday morning in a plastic Ziploc-type bag. The money we raise goes to the Ronald McDonald House. The club with the most pop tabs brought in gets to hoist a trophy.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Please complete your Senior Recognition form and mail to Dave and Michele Raim by May 30. They will put together a display of the graduating seniors to be displayed in Montgomery Hall. Reserve Monday evening, July 27, to receive your Senior plaque. Details will come later on this.

CLOVER KIDS

Youth **enrolled** in K-3 (grades Kindergarten - 3rd) 4-H/Youth programs in Johnson County are eligible to exhibit in the Non-Animal Division. Up to two entries will be accepted on Sunday, July 26 from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Please label with your Name, Club Name, Age, and Hometown. A participatory ribbon will be given. The project is not eligible for premiums or county award honors. The purpose of the K-3 program is to focus on doing age appropriate skills in a non-competitive environment. Projects will need to meet county fair requirements. Youth must complete and return an enrollment form to the Extension Office by May 15 to participate.

FOOD & NUTRITION EXHIBITS – THINK HEALTHY

Exhibit Idea:

PLANNING A HEALTHY MENU – When **planning a menu**, first decide on the main dish. Select appropriate vegetables, appetizer, soup or salad. Add a bread, dessert and beverage, if desired. Use the Food Guide Pyramid to plan nutritious meals. Select lower fat meat cuts; choose natural sweets (fruits and berries) vs. prepared sweets (cakes and pies). Think about higher fiber bread selections. Breakfast, party, and picnic menus should contain two or three food groups. Other meals should contain at least five food groups from the Pyramid. A good rule of thumb is dividing your plate in fourths. One fourth should be from the meat group, one fourth from the bread group and one half from fruits and vegetables.

BUCKET OF FLOWERS

This event is only for Master Gardeners and 4-H/FFA members. Participants will plant flowers/ornamental plants in a 5 gallon bucket. Donor's name, along with the name of the plants used should be provided and attached permanently to the bucket for display. The container should have drain holes. **Styrofoam peanuts or plastic jugs should be placed in the bottom of the bucket to decrease weight.** All participants will receive a ribbon. Buckets are to be delivered to the Master Gardener Tent by Noon on July 27 and picked up at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. Awards will be provided in the following areas: Most Colorful, Most Unique, and Best Use of Plants.

COUNTY FAIR NEW CLASSES

2009 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

855A 2009 4-HERS IN ACTION – HOLIDAYS and SEASONS

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in the third annual statewide photo exhibition titled, "4-H'ers in Action!" The theme this year will be *holidays and seasons*. **One photo will be selected to be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.** Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials. You do not have to be enrolled in the Photography project area to enter this class.

Exhibit requirements for Class 855A

1. 4-Hers in Action
2. Any 5" x 7" color photograph taken after January 1, 2008 by a 4-Her
3. Portrait or Landscape
4. Display folders are available at the Extension Office
5. Reflects a 4-Her or group of 4-Hers during the holidays or seasons
6. Include a photo story to depict what is happening in the photo and explain why it is the best example of "4-Hers in Action" from your county. (Captions limited to 75 words or less.)
7. If your photo is selected to advance to the state fair you will be asked to provide a high resolution, electronic version of the photo on a CD along with the printed 5x7 photo.

855B 4-H IS... MARKETING JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H

The Johnson County Extension Office is looking for photographs showing 4-Hers in Action! We need pictures from meetings, service projects, workshops, camps, trips, and more. If your entry is chosen for publication in the Cedar Rapids Gazette special post-fair 4-H edition you will be awarded a cash prize.

Exhibit requirements for Class 855B

1. Show us what 4-H is to you. We want to see clubs, members, leaders, families, and communities in action with 4-H.
2. Meetings, service projects, camps, trips, workshops, and any and all 4-H events capturing the 4-H spirit are examples we are seeking.
3. Submit an electronic version to mrupling@iastate.edu at the Johnson County extension office before July 25, 2009. Enter the print at the fair.
4. Individual photo entries only (no series). Photos must be a minimum of 5 x 7 inches. Mounting is required for all entries in this class. Use of standard commercial photo mats is acceptable provided that exposed area of photo is not less than 4 ½ x 6 ½ inches.
5. A detailed "Johnson County Class 855B Exhibit Report" must be attached to the backside (forms are located at the county Extension Office or online).

NEW ISSUES CLASS

950B REUSE, RECYCLE, and REPURPOSE (Trial class for the SE Area)

Using anything recycled (no new items except for nails, glue, etc.) the exhibit should be turned into a functional or decorative item. Sample ideas include: making pencil bags from juice drink pouches or clocks from disposable ink pens.

INCLUDE INFORMATION ON: How does my/our goal relate to the reuse, recycle, repurpose issue? What did I/we learn about this issue? What did I/we do to educate others about the issue? Information that could be included: before and after photos, list of materials and expenses, economic/environmental savings by reusing or reclaiming the item, etc.

NOTE

4-HER'S for 4-H CAMPAIGN

This is just a reminder that the 2009 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign is due May 15. The goal stated by the State 4-H Council is \$2.50/member. Only those clubs that meet the \$2.50 per member goal will receive the recognition certificate. This contribution helps support State Conference, State 4-H Council, State Awards, Intermediate Programs, and many more 4-H Dreams.

4-H BRICKS ON SALE UNTIL MAY 29

Johnson County 4-H is taking brick orders until May 29 for placement on the 4-H fairgrounds. The bricks will be displayed in the 4-H Pathway to the Future located in front of Montgomery Hall before the 2009 Johnson County 4-H/FFA Fair. A 4 x 8 brick costs \$50 with proceeds going to the Johnson County 4-H Endowment Fund. This fund helps with local 4-H programming. Honor a special occasion, the memory of a loved one, an outstanding achievement, or the entire family with this special gift!

Download a 4-H Brick Order Form at www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/news/brickorderform.htm complete and return to the Johnson County Extension office or stop by the Extension Office. For more information, please contact the Office at 319-337-2145.

4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JULY 12

Mark your calendars! The 8th Annual 4-H Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, July 12, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. 4-H clubs are being asked to donate a theme basket or item for the silent auction. Tickets are on sale for \$3 for children 12 and under, pre-schoolers are free, adults are \$5, and a book of 10 tickets sells for \$40. All proceeds go towards paying the 4-H program development fee for the 500 4-H members in Johnson County. Contact your club leader or the Extension Office for tickets. Businesses and/or individuals buying a book of 10 are listed on the donor board as a sponsor!! You will be contacted in June to sign up to help! Remember – this is the major fund raiser to defray the cost of the yearly program fee. Do your best to sell multiple books of tickets. Thanks!!



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