

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK DATES

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

BUCKET BOTTLE EXHIBITORS

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. 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 is available online plus the information is provided in the fair book.

2009 CATCH A CALF PROGRAM

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/forms.htm> or contact the Extension office to obtain a copy. If you have questions call Gene Mohling at 337-2145.

PULLORUM-TYPHOID TESTING

Poultry to be shown at the 2009 Johnson County 4-H & FFA Fair must come from an approved pullorum-typhoid free hatchery or be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday, July 23, for testing. Only birds that you intend to show need to be tested; the testing is free of charge and will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the east end of Building 1 at the fairgrounds on July 23.

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 has prepared 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 application 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 are a new swine exhibitor, please contact the Extension Office with your ID number.

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.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

STATE FAIR OPPORTUNITY

Wouldn't it be great if there were some way that you could get away for a day but still help others? Well there is! A great opportunity for your group to get involved and have fun is to volunteer at the Iowa State Fair. You can bring your whole group down for a day or even more. You get in for free, get a meal ticket, get to stay overnight for free, AND you get to spend time experiencing the Iowa State Fair. You will be assigned jobs around the building and will have the chance to interact with lots of other 4-Hers and make new friends. If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to contact Karen Naig at 515-294-1982 or kmnaig@extension.iastate.edu. Hope to see lots of County Councils and/or Clubs at the Iowa State Fair 2009...."State Fair Time"

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.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

IRIS

Looking for new experiences and cultural immersion for you and your family? Want to open your home to an exchange student or do you know someone who would? Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is looking for host families for their exchange program. Students are English-speaking high school juniors from Nigeria and Tanzania. IRIS works through the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program funded by the State Department. IRIS still has 45 students to place by the end of June, and your family could be the one to make a difference in their lives. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please contact IRIS directly at 515-292-7103 or check the website at www.iris-center.org. Thank you!

IOWA 4-H BLOG

Iowans have a new way to talk about 4-H — through the Iowa 4-H Volunteer blog on the Iowa State University Extension Web site, <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/iowa4hvolunteer>.

CONGRATULATIONS

2009-10 YOUTH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following 4_Hers who will serve on the 2009-10 Johnson County Youth Council:

Sean Beasley	Jenna Miller
Courtney Burr	Alyssa Mouglin
Teri Marie Colvin	Shelby Novak
MacKenzie Dreeszen	Tildy Randleman
Kirby Eagle	Mariah Rourke
Stephanie Fisher	Kyle Ruth
Kristen Gaffey	Katie Schnoebelen
Susan Graves	Cindy See
Rebecca Haugland	Rebecca See
Nicole Hebl	Maddison Shrader
Lindsey Kaefring	Maria Teets
Natalie Kasper	Gina Thayer
Libby Logsdon	Jeri Wagner
Amanda Lorack	Kelly Williams
Mary Kate Mardesen	

COUNTY FAIR PREP

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.

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.

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.

FAIR BOOK and NOMINATION FORMS ON-LINE

The 2009 fairbook and livestock nomination forms are all online 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!

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.

FOOD & NUTRITION EXHIBITS – THINK HEALTHY

Intermediates and Seniors – Think beyond the brownies and cookies.

EXHIBIT HELP

June – the official count down to fair begins. Don't wait until the night before judging day to complete your write-up for fair (Intermediates and Seniors – required; Juniors suggested). Start your write-up when you start your exhibit. The write-up is just as important as the actual exhibit. These questions are the same questions that judges will talk with 4-H members during the judging process.

The Famous Four...and a bonus question

1. What was your goal? (What did you want to learn by making this exhibit?)
2. How did you go about working toward your goal? (What steps did you take to complete this exhibit? How much money and time was spent to complete this exhibit?)
3. What were the most important things you learned as you worked towards your goal? (What did you learn? What surprises did you have? What was the hardest part about making your exhibit? What was the easiest part about making your exhibit?)
4. Would you like to do something in this project area next year? If so, what would you like to try?

Bonus question – for those enrolled in visual art, home improvement, or clothing include information on design elements and art principles. Not sure what the elements are principles are? Visit this website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/info/4-h+links.htm> for more information. Click on doing design elements or art principles – located near the top of the page. Make sure to check your county fair book requirements for more information.



PUBLICATION RESOURCES

Check out these publications to help you prepare for fair judging:

4H 203 (for judges)

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H203.pdf>

4H 203A (for volunteers)

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H203A.pdf>

4H 203B (for parents)

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H203B.pdf>

and last but most certainly not least,

4H 203C (for 4-H'ers)

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H203C.pdf>



☺ WELCOME CAROLINE!! ☺

Beginning this month, Caroline Mohling will be our 4-H Summer Program Assistant. Caroline is an Animal Science student at Iowa State University and a former Johnson County 4-Her. Any fair questions can be directed to her or Dianna. She is ready to help!!



NOTE

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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