

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 will be online later this spring plus the information will be 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 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 are available at the Extension Office 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

BUTTON COLLECTING

Are you interested in collecting antique buttons? The Old Capitol Button Club would like to work with 4-Hers interested in this. Contact Kareen Strumpel at 337-0670 for details.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Looking for extra hours to include on your Presidential Service Award form? The Extension Office could use help shredding documents. Contact Amy at the office (337-2145) to set up a time to help.

IOWA CITY HOMELESS SHELTER

Iowa City's Shelter House serves the homeless in our community, providing counseling, transitional shelter, a place to bathe, do laundry, receive mail, or eat a meal. Staff also provides access to resources such as vocational and life skills training, educational assistance, and child care. The recent downturn in the economy exacerbated the problem of homelessness in Johnson County, placing further burden on an already overwhelmed facility. Statistics show that 58% of the homeless in Johnson County are families...women and children. The need for assistance has far outgrown the current facility, and plans are being made to build a new, larger shelter. In the meantime, the Shelter House currently serves meals to 40-50 homeless individuals per night. Their kitchen facilities are not large enough to accommodate much preparation in-house. Therefore, having groups prepare and bring meals in is preferable to trying to prepare on site. Presently, volunteers are supplying food two to three nights per week. There is a desperate need for volunteers to donate food on a regular, nightly basis. I urge you to discuss this situation in your club meetings. The East Lucas Clovers have pledged to serve one meal a month at the Shelter House. I challenge other clubs to do the same. Please consider encouraging other groups you are members of to prepare meals also. Because I feel strongly that no one should have to go hungry, I am working with Meg Strohmer and Megan Demeulenaere to build a network of volunteer groups so that there are meals at Shelter House every night. I can be contacted at msd101491@aol.com or at (319) 337-7809 for more information. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this project.

Mackenzie Dreeszen, 2009-10 State Council

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY FAIR VOLLEYBALL HELP NEEDED

An adult(s) is needed to help set-up and supervise the county fair volleyball tournament. If you would be interested in helping with this contact Dianna at 337-2145.

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>.

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.

COUNTY FAIR PREP

4-H/FFA YOUTH AG CHALLENGE

**Sponsored by Johnson County Farm Bureau
Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Rabbit
Barn Breezeway**

Youth Ag Challenge is a team trivia competition

with a format similar to the game show Jeopardy. This event is open to all 4-H clubs & FFA chapters in Johnson County. First place team will receive \$75.00, 2nd Place \$50.00. All clubs with teams participating will be awarded a \$15.00 Participation award.

1. Teams of two to four people are to be made up of any combination of Intermediate or Senior 4-H club members, but a team can have no more than four members. All team members are to be from the same club. Teams will be accepted up until Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m.
2. There can be no more than three teams per club.
3. Questions cover animal science, ag mechanics, horticulture, home economics, ag statisticals, ag safety, crop production, and ag trivia. All questions include four multiple choice options which the contestants can choose from.
4. There are three 6 minute rounds.
5. Questions are worth the following: Round 1 – 1 point, Round 2 – 2 points, Round 3 – 3 points. Teams must select the best answer from those offered. Any incorrect answer results in points subtracted.
6. The person buzzing in must answer immediately whether the entire questions and possible answers have been read or not.
7. No conferring by either team once a person starts to answer. Questions will be thrown out if there is a violation.
8. After an incorrect answer, the other team has 10 seconds to steal the questions, to gain that rounds value of points. They may also pass without penalty.
9. If neither team answers within 10 seconds, the reader will give the correct answer and go to the next question.
10. Questions may be repeated one time (only in the case of a steal.)
11. In the first round, two practice questions will be read and answered before the match begins.
12. Once the clock starts, it is stopped only for discussion on procedure or a contested answer.
13. The question being asked at the end of each round will be completed, even if time has expired.
14. Should a tie occur after the 3 six minute rounds, overtime round(s) of one minute shall be held until the tie is broken.
15. Number of rounds and time length of rounds subject to change depending on number of teams entered, as determined by the Johnson County Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee.

FOOD & NUTRITION EXHIBITS – THINK HEALTHY

Intermediates and Seniors – Think beyond the brownies and cookies.

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 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!

FOOD EXHIBITS

Unsure if your food exhibit will qualify as safe? Check out this publication: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4h3023.pdf>.

CLOTHING EVENT - \$15 CHALLENGE

The \$15 Challenge category 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 with a TOTAL price of \$15 or under (tax included). If the total price is more the outfit can still be entered in clothing selection. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts belong in clothing selection IF the 4-H'er actually selected the item(s). Check out the \$15 Q&A web for further information: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/SFThe\\$15ChallengeQA.pdf](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/SFThe$15ChallengeQA.pdf)

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>

Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Fairs

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/SF6InappropriateFoodExhibits4H3023.pdf>

\$15 Challenge Q&A

[https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/SFThe\\$15ChallengeQA.pdf](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/SFThe$15ChallengeQA.pdf)

NOTE

4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST – JULY 12

The 8th Annual 4-H Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, July 12, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Continue to sell those tickets!! All proceeds go towards paying the 4-H program development fee for the 500 4-H members in Johnson County. Businesses and/or individuals buying a book of 10 are listed on the donor board as a sponsor!! 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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