

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK DATES

- ✿ Swine Weigh-in – March 21, 10:00AM-Noon
- ✿ 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

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 goes 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 319-337-2145 or email at mohling@iastate.edu. Your patience is appreciated as we work towards meeting these new expectations for the 2009 county fair!

PRODUCTION BROILER AND STANDARDIZED PULLET CLASS

Youth interest in participating in the "production broiler class" (class 14-153) and for 2009 need to contact the Johnson County Extension Office to register for the program. For the "production broiler class" pen of 3 each youth will receive a lot of 12 day old cockerels which are banded. To register for this class you must contact the Extension Office by May 1. The price of the birds will be made available in late May 2009. Birds not used in the production class may be used in the meat production class 14-131. All birds will be picked up at the Extension Office about 4 weeks after the entry date. Exhibitors will be contacted as to when the birds may be picked up 1-2 days before delivery. Payment is due at time of delivery. Questions contact Gene at 319/337-2145 or mohling@iastate.edu

IOWA STATE FAIR SWINE NOMINATIONS

All swine intended to be shown at the Iowa State Fair must be taken to the regional weigh-in sites in late April and early May. By "ALL" swine, we are referring to breeding swine, derby and market swine. There is a cost for the nomination process that will need to be paid at the weigh-in site. Please read future newsletters this spring for the times, dates and locations for the regional site information.

SWINE EXHIBITORS

Be sure to read the enclosed letter on the changes in Swine rules for the 2009 fair.

FEEDER PIG PROGRAM

The Johnson County Pork Council will sponsor a maximum of 8 pigs/youth who are in grades 4 through 6 or are 1st time exhibitor of swine. Members will pay for the feeder pigs from sale proceeds after the county fair. Please contact Kevin Hotz at 319-629-5320 by February 20 for information.

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. Seniors are those 15 years of age or older by January 1, 2008. 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. You can take an exam (multiple choice) and pass with a grade of 70% or higher. The youth may decide to attend one of the 2 hour FSQA training classes. Either option will fulfill the requirement. If you select the testing option, once you pass the exam you have fulfilled your FSQA requirement for the remaining years of the age group you are in. For example, a Senior who passes the exam has completed their FSQA requirement for the rest of their 4-H tenure. You may also attend FSQA training in another county if you wish; that county will be responsible for contacting us to verify you have attended a meeting or taken the test. The test will also be offered to participants at each class in Johnson County.

For Juniors, your only option is to attend one of the 2 hour training classes. The classes for 2009 will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:30 PM and Wednesday, May 7, 6:30-8:30 PM. All sessions are in Montgomery Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. Questions call Gene at 319/337-2145 or mohling@iastate.edu.

SHOWMASTER BOOT CAMP

Come learn with the experts at Showmaster Boot Camp 2009. This is a great educational opportunity for kids showing cattle, hogs, and sheep. This will be held on **March 14**, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in **Iowa City, IA**, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The day will be broken into specie segments starting with cattle. The experts will be covering daily care and management, clipping, fitting, feeding and showmanship. This year we are working with Iowa State University offering **FSQA certification**. Lunch will be provided with great door prizes. If you would like more information or would like to reserve your registration, please call Kim Lewis at 319-430-0474 by March 5.

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 and 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 to assist you. Youth may nominate up to 3 calves of which 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 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 of the youth and contact information. Guidelines for the K-3 and the 4-H/FFA division will be on line later this spring plus the information will be provided in the fair book.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

JOHNSON COUNTY PORK SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors are invited to apply for \$500 scholarships. Requirements include:

- Student or family needs to be a paid member of the Johnson County Pork Association for the current year plus at least two years following receipt of scholarship.
- Student needs to donate at least 6 hours to Pork Association events. Please plan to work some of these hours at the county fair on July 27 or 28. Parents are welcome to help but do not count towards your own hours.
- Prepare a 5-minute speech to the scholarship committee at a date yet to be determined. The speech can be on any aspect of the pork industry. There may also be a question and answer session on pork production and products.

Applications are available from the Johnson County Extension Website and from high school counselors. Deadline for applications is February 20. For more information contact Chris Cole, 648-5871.

Applicants and their parents will be invited to the Johnson County Pork Banquet on March 21, where scholarships will be awarded.

PORK QUEEN & PRINCESS CONTEST

Open to senior 4-H members. Winners announced at Johnson County Pork Banquet on March 21. Applications and more information is available from Linda Reynolds, 828-4415. If crowned, you will be expected to attend certain events, parades, etc. sponsored by the Johnson County Pork Producers.

THE POWER OF YOUTH – IOWA 4-H

~~Formerly known as 4-H Legislative Day. The program has changed slightly. The new focus will be on intermediate 4-H'ers in grades 7 and 8. A county team will consist of 3-4 4-H'ers and a chaperone. We will still request community service displays but they can be more comprehensive focusing on service activities throughout the county not just a single club accomplishment. Our program focus will be slightly revised to focus on how 4-H'ers can impact their communities and government. The opportunity to share with legislators and public officials will remain a prominent feature.~~

~~The date for the next event will be Tuesday, March 31, 2009. If you have a group interested in attending please notify Dianna.~~

POSTPONED FOR 2009

HIGHWAY TO HORTICULTURE

Mark your calendars for this trip to Iowa State University on April 1, 2009, open to Senior 4-H members, FFA members, and high school students. Spend a day with ISU Horticulture Club. Includes a tour of Reiman Gardens, Jack Trice Stadium, Horticulture Research Farm, Greenhouses, and Landscape Laboratory. Cost: \$10.00. More information will be available soon.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

SESS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Spring 2009 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports instructor training is scheduled for March 27-29, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The registration information has been posted on the 4-H SESS website under "Trainings Events and Activities". The direct link to the material is: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Document/s/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf> The program continues to see a growth in the 4-H SESS program. The spring training is always our largest training of the year. Please complete registrations early. Training will be paid for by Johnson County 4-H.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to all our new 4-H members. If you were unable to attend New Member Night on January 26, please stop by the office to pick up your 4-H Record Book and New Family Guide.

Please send a thank you to one or more of the names listed in you record book thanking them for their sponsorship of New Member Night.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H MILLION TREES PROJECT

4-H clubs and members are invited to participate in the 4-H Million Trees (4HMT) project. Members of the Belmont and Pacifica (California) 4-H Clubs launched the 4HMT project, a large-scale service-learning project with the goal to plant 1,000,000 trees across the United States to beautify America, absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide, and combat global climate change. The project founders hope that every one of the approximately 90,000 4-H clubs and units in the U.S. will participate in this community service, and plant at least a dozen native trees in their areas during the current 4-H year. They hope that clubs will accept their invitation and adopt the project so members can enjoy the satisfaction of joining with millions of fellow 4-Hers to make a big difference in the world.

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/>.

EARTH DAY 2009

To help restore the natural habitat around Coralville Lake and enhance the park and recreation areas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Coralville Lake is hosting: **An Earth Day Event April 24-26, 2009**

What will volunteers do? Many service projects are available. Full project descriptions and registration forms are available on the internet at: <http://www.coralvillelake.org>

RECRUITMENT

ARE YOU OFFICIALLY ENROLLED?

Beginning with the February newsletter, only 4-Hers that have a current enrollment form in the office will be getting any mailings. Make sure your friends are current so they do not miss out on the FUN!!

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!

GROW JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H

Ask a friend or neighbor to join 4-H with you. Invite them to come to your next 4-H meeting!!

NEW

4-H LICENSE PLATE

Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate and to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted within one year. Get your license plate today by filling out the application form online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Application and payment by check or money order are to be sent to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. For questions, contact Shelly Greving, shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.

2009 JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The 2009 Johnson County Fair will be July 27-30. Montgomery Hall judging will be July 25 and the Auction will be July 31.

COUNTY FAIR ITEMS

LIVE HEALTHY IOWA KIDS

Formerly Go The Distance, Live Healthy Iowa Kids, is a FREE, 100 day program for Iowa youth from January 21 – April 30. It is a positive way to teach kids the importance of healthy eating, being physically active and show them that fitness is fun!

Activities from the program can be developed into a fair exhibit. See page 54 of the 2008 Johnson County Fair Book for more details.

Brochures on the 2009 program can be obtained at the Extension Office.

2009 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION: 4-Hers IN ACTION – HOLIDAYS & 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*. The exhibition will again feature the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials.

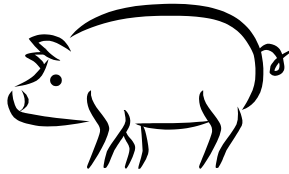
More information will be in the fair book.



KEEP UPDATED ON 4-H ACTIVITIES AT:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/kidsteens.htm>





TO: Swine Exhibitors
RE: 2009 Swine Show

January 30, 2009

The Derby Swine weigh-in will be held on the county fairgrounds on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to Noon in the west end of Barn 2. There are several major changes to the swine show for 2009 that will provide MORE opportunity for youth! The entire set of guidelines is included; however, the basic changes are as follows:

1. Exhibitor may nominate 12 head maximum at the derby weigh-in with no limits as to the portion of barrows and/or gilts.
2. The exhibitor may enter 2 derby pairs for the county fair. Pairs may be both Barrows, Gilts, or mixed pairs (barrow/gilt in same pair).
3. Exhibitor may enter up to 4 derby individuals if showing 2 derby pairs. Maximum of 2 derby barrows and 2 derby gilts (individuals must come from pairs). Read item number 2 below.
4. Exhibitors earning Grand and Reserve Grand honors will still be limited to entries in the auction. Those exhibitors not earning these honors will be eligible to sell one pig of their choice in the auction. Read item number 8 below.
5. ALL SWINE EXHIBITORS are required to have a premise identification number provided by IDALS on record with the Extension Office before the county fair.

Our goal is to provide more opportunity for youth in the swine project area. If you have questions please contact Gene Mohling mohling@iastate.edu or call 319-337-2145

SWINE DEPARTMENT

Project Leader: Tom Wall

Committee: Steve Bothell, Kevin Hotz, Bill Novak, Myron Smalley, Norman Novak

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1. Each exhibitor is limited to one pen of 4 pigs, except derby exhibitors may have 5 pigs/pen or will be assigned two pens if 6 or 7 pigs are exhibited. Members may have **one** entry per class except for derby classes whereby the exhibitor may have 2 entries. Each pig may be shown in only one individual class. ALL SWINE EXHIBITORS are required to have a premise identification number provided by IDALS on record with the Extension Office before the county fair.
2. **NEW IN 2009 - DERBY CLASSES:** Member may exhibit two Derby Pairs (barrows, gilts or mixed; different pigs) and a Market Pair (they must be different pigs). Derby individual(s) must be one of the Derby Pair if a Derby Pair is shown. Member may enroll up to 12 pigs at March weigh-in. (Pigs can be any sex) If four or more derby pigs are weighed-in, member **MUST** exhibit a Derby Pair to be eligible to exhibit a Derby Individual (barrow or gilt). Other Derby pair pig is eligible to show as a Derby Individual as well (barrow or gilt) or Market Individual (barrow or gilt). If 6 or more pigs are weighed-in, a member can if they wish enter a second Derby Pair and a second set of Derby Individuals (barrows or gilts; must be from Derby pair). Derby pigs must be weighed/tagged by committee Saturday, March 21, 2009, 10 AM-NOON. Entries must be castrated before weigh in. No pig over 35 lbs. will be accepted for Derby Classes but can still be enrolled for Market Classes. (Derby Pigs can be Barrows or Gilts but will show in one division) All derby entries will be placed into classes according to the March weigh in weight.

3. Swine entries must be farrowed on or after February 1 this year. Market Pairs maybe barrows, gilts or mixed sexes. A pig may only be shown once in a pair and only once as an individual.
4. **NEW IN 2009 (MINIMUM WEIGHT)** No swine weighing less than 215 lb. will be allowed to show. **All** swine brought to grounds must be consigned to slaughter. **None may return home.** Contact Extension Office or swine project leader **before** preparation day with scratches.
5. Market and Derby pigs will be weighed for classification into weight classes by project leader beginning at 8:00 AM Monday. Fair Board will provide chips for the first bedding, and then offer chips for sale for re-bedding. Only chips will be used for bedding. Hogs should be watered in a non-tipping pan or device.
6. **No two pigs of one family, farm, or exhibitor may have the same ear notches.** Notches must be made deeply in order to read them at fair. Project leader(s) has the right to reject any hog with improper ear notches. Pigs must be selected from maximum of 22, including **derby** pigs, listed on livestock ID form (LS-106). Member may enroll more pigs on a second LS-106 for later shows.
7. Judge will be instructed to judge gilts as market gilts.
8. **NEW IN 2009** - Each member may select one hog to be sold at the auction, two lots maximum for those earning Grand & Reserve Grand honors. IF A MEMBER has a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion: Market Pair-Live, Derby Pair Index, Derby Individual Index, Market Gilt-Live, Market Barrow-Live or Rate of Gain they will be allowed to sell one more lot at the sale. Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Pairs can be considered as one lot. These animals will be sold prior to the beef auction on Friday. They must be consigned to a slaughterer able to take them. If a buyer elects to send a hog to a packer, the check will be sent to the member will be less that amount received from the packer. Hogs sent to local lockers and swine to be auctioned must be identified 1 hour after the swine show is finished.
9. A champion and reserve champion will be named in each weight group. Grand and reserve grand champions for each class will be selected from those champions and reserves. They must be consigned to a slaughterer able to take them. If a buyer elects to send a hog to a packer, the check will be sent to the member and the amount paid to the member will be less that amount received from the packer. Hogs sent to local lockers must be identified at weigh-in time.
9. Committee will consign all hogs to one packer with the best offer. Hogs are transported in trucks with insurance for injury in transit, charges deducted from member's check.
10. Show oil is not allowed on any swine project. Hogs **may not** be clipped or shaved for the show.
11. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons will be awarded in the live derby classes and the projects are NOT eligible for the auction. No trophies will be given for **live derby grand champions**. All youth with projects in the swine auction are required to check with the project leader about sale day preparations.

CLASSES

- 17-111 Market Pair
- 17-121 Derby Pair (Max 2 entries)
- 17-141 Derby Barrow Individual (Max 2 entries)
- 17-151 Derby Gilt Individual (Max 2 entries)
- 17-161 Market Gilt
- 17-171 Market Barrow