

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

PRODUCTION BROILER AND CLASS

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 available in late May of 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 order date. Families will be contacted the *day the chicks arrive at the office*. Payment is due at time of delivery. Questions contact Gene at 319/337-2145 or mohling@iastate.edu.

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 they have 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 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.

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.

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, 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!

IOWA STATE FAIR SWINE NOMINATIONS

All breeding swine, derby, and market swine intended to be shown at the Iowa State Fair must be taken to the regional weigh-in site. Sites and dates in our area are:

- Wed., April 29, Tipton, Cedar County Fairgrounds, 3-5 p.m.
- Sat., May 2, Central City, Linn Co. Fairgrounds, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Sat., May 2, Crawfordsville, SE Research Farm, 8 a.m.-Noon

Questions-contact Larry McMullen 319-721-7172 or Gene Mohling 319-337-2145. For a complete set of guidelines visit

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHSwineExh.pdf>.

There is a cost for the nomination process that will need to be paid at the weigh-in site.

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. There will be more information coming mid-April.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

STATE 4-H COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Adults are needed to be 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

AREA AWARDS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following Johnson County 4-Hers for their participation and achievement in the SE Area Awards selection:

MacKenzie Dreeszen –	State Council
	National Congress
	Child Development
	Clothing
Stephanie Fisher –	National Congress
Susan Graves –	National Congress
	Citizenship
	Food & Nutrition
Rebecca Haugland –	Rabbit
Holly Klouda –	Clothing
Alyssa Mouglin –	Health
Peter Pisarik –	Citizenship
	Poultry
Alicia Schnoebelen –	Food & Nutrition
Katie Schnoebelen –	Consumer Management

MacKenzie has acquired the position of State Council member for 2009-10. The rest will interview again in August for a state award or possible National trip. For more information on the Area Award process call Dianna at 337-2145.

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 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.

INTERMEDIATE TRIP



INTERMEDIATES – Plan to go to St. Louis on June 17-18. Registration forms will be mailed to every Intermediate 4-Her with an enrollment turned in to the Extension Office. **These will be due back May 1.**

4-H JUNIOR ADVENTURE Weekend at Camp Shalom June 12-14

Juniors – Registration forms will be mailed shortly to every Junior 4-Her with an enrollment turned in to the Extension Office. Space is limited so get your form turned in promptly.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 online at: <http://www.coralvillelake.org>

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

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:

A HEALTHY IMPROVEMENT – Exhibit any baked product (cake, cookies, breads, etc.). Submit with it two complete recipes, the original recipe and the second recipe showing how it was modified and an explanation of why it is healthier (low fat, less calories, etc.).

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 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 mruplinger@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 on-line).

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.