



4-H Clover Chatter

COOL and Premise ID Update for Iowa 4-H Livestock Program

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As many of you know, the USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that goes into effect September 30, 2008.

Details for Iowa 4-H livestock exhibitors can be found on the 4-H Ag/Livestock website at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm>. Under the "Livestock ID" heading are the Premise ID and COOL information links as well as the needed affidavits for the COOL implementation.

COOL (Country of Origin Labeling)

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

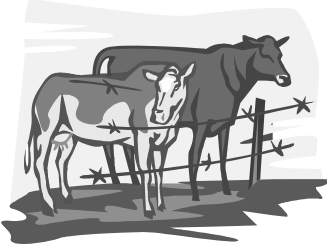
A COOL affidavit is located on the Iowa 4-H Ag/Livestock website at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/coolinfo.pdf>. On the webpage is a link to the affidavit. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 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 must 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. More information regarding COOL can be found on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at, <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>.

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Premise ID

Premise ID requirements for various packers can also be found on the website, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/coolinfo.pdf>. Tyson Fresh Meats and Hormel Foods will require Premise ID for all swine in 2009. Other packers may soon follow with this requirement so standby for updates.

County fairs should keep in close contact with their local buyer for any changes. At this time, 2009 Iowa State Fair exhibitors will **NOT** be required to have a Premise ID number. Individuals wanting to register for a Premise ID can access the form on the web at <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf>.

Questions regarding Premise ID application status can be answered by calling Iowa Dept of Ag and Land Stewardship (IDALS) at, 1-888-778-7675.

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“This year we will be using new Retinal Imaging (RI) technology for verification of animals headed to the Iowa State Fair.”

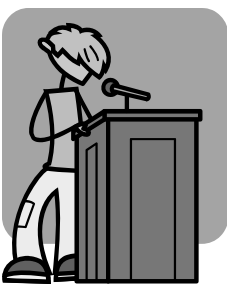
Annual 4-H Meeting Set for Nov. 16

Mark your calendars now for the Annual 4-H **Meeting and Pot Luck** to be held November 16 at the Lo-Ma High School.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Table service and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish to share. If you'd like to come just for the meeting, that's okay, too.



4-H Club Officers' Training will be held Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Extension Office. Come join the fun.

Beef Weigh-In / Verification

Beef weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, December 20 at the Dunlap Livestock Auction from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Be watching for details.

This year we will be using retinal imaging as well as nose printing and DNA sampling. This verification process will take place at the weigh-in.

More details will be in the Nov. and Dec. Clover Chatter.

Clover Chatter

Dear 4-H Family,

The new 4-H year has started and it's time to decide which project areas you want to try for 2008-2009. Look over the Pick-a-Project paper to see the many areas available to you. There is something for everyone! Be adventurous---try something new! If you don't have one, you can get it on the web or call the office and we will send one out to you .

Get your enrollments turned in early. You won't want to miss the exciting things we have planned for you this 4-H year. Keep reading the "Clover Chatter" for events and dates.

It's also time to start recruiting your friends to join our 4-H family. Let's make the most of the opportunities available to us through 4-H.

You're invited to the 4-H Annual Meeting and Potluck. The date has been set for Sunday, November 16, 2008, at the Logan-Magnolia High School.

We're proud of the accomplishments of our county's 4-H'ers this past year. We are looking forward to a great 2009 as well.

In 4-H Spirit,

Dee Colwell,

County Youth Coordinator



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Check Those Mailing Labels

If your address isn't correct, or there's a spelling error on your mailing label, please call the office and let Carole know.

It's important for all members of your family to use the same address on your enrollment forms. If

your address changes during the year, please contact the Extension office.

We also need to know if you use a PO box. Standard mail usually does not get forwarded or returned and we have no way of knowing if you are not

receiving your newsletter or other 4-H mail.

Our newsletter mailings are addressed to a parent in the household. Please make sure that all members of your family see the newsletter.



Don't forget your free copy of the 2009 4-H Calendar at the Extension office.

If your leader did not pick up your club's copies, feel free to stop by the office and get your family's copy.

Did you know . . .

. . . That if your club needs a session on record keeping that Dee will be glad to come to your meeting. Just call her and schedule it.

Enrollments/Med Releases Due Nov. 1



Enrollment, re-enrollment and Medical Information Release forms are due to the Extension office by November 1.

Do we have yours? If not, please bring them to the office as soon as possible, so that we can process them, get project materials

ordered, and update our mailing lists.

Please pay particular attention to birthdates and grades when completing your forms. If you give us incorrect data, you may miss out on information pertaining to your age group or grade, because the computer often uses your

birth date or your grade for sorting.

4-H'ers may enroll at any time during the year, but to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, enrollments must be received in the office prior to May 1st to allow time for processing.

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Leaders, Don't Forget to Re-enroll

Organizational leaders and project leaders also need to enroll or re-enroll each year for 4-H.

If your re-enrollment form is not received, the computer will drop you from our lists at the same time it deletes inactive 4-H'ers.

Please list any specific project areas that you help your club with.

Newly enrolled leaders need to go through the child protection safety policy procedures.

Also, please inform the office if there are changes in leadership

during the year (such as organizational and project leaders switching places, etc.) so that we can make sure the proper leader gets information on upcoming events and opportunities.

Youth Loans Available for 4-H'ers

The USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to individual rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their

participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations.

Loans up to \$5,000, can be made to pay operating costs, purchases

of livestock or equipment.

For more information or to find out about interests rates, contact you local Farm Service Agency at 755-5116.



everyone who supported the root beet float stand during the county fair! — the Harrison County 4-H Council

Think about it . . .

Increase Concern for Your Community

Good citizenship is showing concern for yourself and others around you. It's also understanding your government and taking part in community activities.

There are several ways that you can improve your citizenship including attending town meetings, developing greater respect for differences of opinion, taking

on responsibilities or visiting local historical sites.

4-H helps you develop concern for your community.



Community Service Ideas

Good citizenship in practice is understanding, appreciating and doing things that make life better for others in your community. Here are some ideas for helping your community.

- Recognize veterans in your community.
- Trim a Christmas tree with mittens or stock-

ing hats and donate them to local schools, homeless shelter or clothing pantry.

- Rake leaves, shovel snow, clean gutters or wash windows for a senior citizen.
- Do art projects with people in nursing homes (finger paint, sponge paint, make

snowflakes, design cards).

- For the food pantry--- contribute the needed items of laundry soap, personal care items, and paper products. Volunteer to help sort and stack items in your local food pantry.

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Pioneer Grants Offered to 4-H Clubs for Community Improvement

Pioneer Hi Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects.

They will offer grant money which the club can use as seed money on a community project. Clubs will need to find additional money to complete their projects.

Amounts vary from \$25 to \$250. Past projects have included:

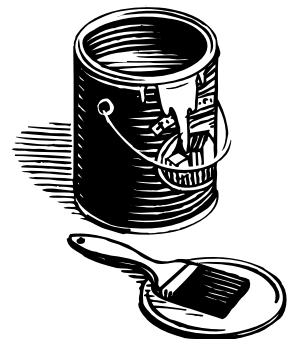
- Restoring a cemetery or historic monument
- Improving ball parks
- Replacing dead trees
- Interviewing senior citizens for a history book or video
- Building or replacing park benches / tables
- Repairing, painting or making curtains for a

community center

- Making baby blankets for children's hospitals or shelters

Applications and details are available at the Extension office or online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html.

Deadline is Dec. 1 at the Extension office.



Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

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Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards constitute the United States' largest youth recognition program

based solely on volunteering.

Over the past 12



years, the program has honored more than 70,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Iowa 4-H has been well represented in this program, and each year several state award winners are Iowa 4-H members.

Information and applications are available at www.prudential.com/spirit or by calling 1-877-525-8491.

Eligible 4-Hers in your county must complete their application forms by Oct. 31, 2008.

ACCESS 4-H Launches this Month

After months of planning and work, **Access 4-H** will officially launch Oct. 6, 2008 during National 4-H week.

One of the highlights of the Access 4-H program for many of the youth is the social networking program which has been described as **one of the safest on the internet**. No one has access to Access unless they are an approved 4-H member, leader, or staff member.

Being a part of Access 4-H gives everyone access to project materials and advice from leaders and members

from around the county. It also makes club management and communication easier with secure club web pages.



Access 4-H is a sophisticated hierarchical program that will revolutionize the 4-H online experience for many of our 4-H members and staff.

Development of the new ACCESS 4-H Internet Platform has begun after months of in-depth research and analysis. More than a website, greater than an online portal, ACCESS 4-H will offer a comprehensive set of integrated online applications, services and tools. The goal is to provide the 4-H community with a one-stop Internet home for information, instruction and interaction.

More information about this exciting development to be available soon!



Seniors!!!

Reserve June 30-July 2, 2009 for State Youth and 4-H Conference/Animal Science ROUNDUP. Watch for more information.

\$15 Challenge to Continue in '09

A third category was added in the 2008 State 4-H Clothing Event called "The \$15 Challenge". It was a big hit and will be continued.

It is part of the program with Clothing Selection and Fashion Revue. Participants are challenged to search garage sales, consignment stores, Goodwill Stores, Salvation Army stores and others of this type and put together an outfit for \$15 or less.

Receipts will be required, although they can be handwritten receipts for garage sales.

The \$15 Challenge does not include shoes or accessories, although an individual participant may choose to include either or both in the \$15 Challenge.

Garments purchased at end of season sales at regular retail outlets would not qualify for the

\$15 Challenge category, but could be used for Clothing Selection. (The reason is we are trying to encourage alternate venues for shopping.)

Guidelines for "an outfit" include a one piece garment such as a dress or a two piece outfit consisting of a top and bottom.

If you have questions, call the Extension Office.



The annual State 4-H Leaders' Retreat is scheduled for February 6-7, 2009, at the DMACC Campus in Ankeny.

Be watching for your mail for further information.

Record Book Forms on the Web

Start the new 4-H year off right! Get going on your record keeping now instead of waiting for the last minute.

The state 4-H office has several record book forms available on the web.

1. Go to www.extension.iastate.edu
2. From the "Topics" list on the left hand side, click on "Kids and Teens/4-H"
3. Then on the right hand side of the next page under "more re-

sources" look for "Iowa State 4-H Sites" and click on "4-H Forms"

You can click on the form you want to fill out. Type in your information right on the screen, save it, and print out your form or save the form directly to your computer first.

Among the forms currently available are the 4-H Yearly Summary, 4-H Project Records, Record Keeping Self-Evaluation, and

several market and breeding animal worksheets.

You can also follow links to these forms from the Harrison County web page at www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/ and click on the 4-H Clover, then click on the "Iowa 4-H" link, go to "Youth and Parents" and then look under "courses and materials." Give it a try!





Make Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation

School did just start but Christmas Trees are already up in Wal-Mart, so it's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Holiday Cards!

We'd love to have your 4-H'ers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county too.

1/2" x 11" page (think of a piece of construction paper folded in half, and then in half again).

To help us keep postage down this year (so we can share more season's greetings) **please make smaller cards, around the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8**

Please mail or deliver your Holiday Cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011-3630. Cards received by November 25th will be used this year.

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is asking for your help again this year. 4-H'ers are asked to craft their own special Christmas and Holiday Greeting Cards so we can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters.

Most of our 4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas Cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and backgrounds too.

Remember that 4-H now has a state program development fee of \$20 for each 4-H'er. Harrison County Extension will pay \$10 of that fee (from apple pie/muffin auction monies) leaving \$10 due from each 4-H'er. There are some scholarships available. Call the office for more information. Clover Kids, Discovering 4-H'ers, and children of those in the military do not pay the \$20 fee.



Thank-you for your support of 4-H in Harrison County

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4-H Family Newsletter

Calendar of Events and Opportunities

October 1	4-H Club's Secretary and Treasurer's Books Due at the Extension Office
October 3	County Council and Jr. Council Applications Due
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 6	Area Council Applications Due to the Office
October 6, 13, 20	Tri Center Babysitting Classes
October 7, 14, 21	West Harrison Babysitting Classes
October 8	4-H National Youth Science Day
October 12	County 4-H Council 5 p.m.
October 15	Leaders Training 7-9 p.m. Record Books Due at Extension Office
October 19	County 4-H Council Meets at 5 p.m.— Extension Office
October 27	Extension Council Meets - 7 p.m.
November 2	Day Light Savings Time Ends
November 16	Annual 4-H Meeting and Potluck - Lo-Ma Jr./Sr. High School, Potluck @ 5:30 , Meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
November 24	Extension Council Meets - 7 p.m.
November 27-28	Extension Office Closed for Holiday
December 20	Market Beef Weigh-In, Retinal Imaging Verification
December 25-26, Jan. 1	Extension Office Closed for Holiday
July 21-26, 2009	Harrison County Fair