Below is new and updated information from Iowa State University Equine Science. If you have questions or comments about this message or the content listed herein, please contact me.
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Calendar of Events
Visit the ISU Booth at the Iowa Horse Fair
Iowa Horse Fair
April 5, 6 & 7, 2013
Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines
LARGEST EQUINE TRADE SHOW IN IOWA!
IN THE NEW JACOBSON CENTER

Richard Winters
Rick Lamb
Chakros E. Carreero

Cowboy Mounted Shooting
Colt Starting Challenge
Barrel Racing Clinic
Trail Challenge Clinic
English Demos
Drill Teams
Kids Fun Area
Avenue of Breeds
FREE Pony Rides (for kids)
Slick Horse Class
Guest Speakers
Round Pen Demos

Masterson Method Bodywork

Cowgirl Queen Contest
100% NATURAL HORSEPOWER
Wright Rodeo Co.
Returns for Fri. and Sat. Night Excitement

Presented by the Iowa Horse Council

www.iowahorsecouncil.org

Iowa 4-H and Youth Horse Jamboree
April 13th and 14th
Jamboree Schedule

Events
- Hippology
- Quiz Bowl
- Demonstration Rules
- Public Speaking Rules

Horseless Horse
ALL Horseless Horse items are on the same online registration form. Have all your HH entry information handy before you access the online registration entry form below.
- Evaluation Form - Attach as directed
- Clothes/Crafts/Woodworking Rules
- Creative Writing Rules
- Digital Storytelling Rules
- Drawing Rules
- Painting Rules
- Photography Rules
- Poster Rules
- Scrapbooking Rules
- Model Horse Show Rules

2013 IOWA STATE YOUTH HORSE JAMBOREE TACK SWAP
April 13th

- **Who?** The 4-H and Youth Jamboree is hosting a tack swap for anyone and everyone who would like to come out and participate!
- **What?** A place for anyone to rent a space and sell their horse products or new & used tack, as well as for anyone to come and shop for some new goodies!
- **Where?** Iowa State University Kildee Hall
- **When?** Saturday All Day

Application for Tack Swap Space

Block and Bridle Horse Show
April 19th - April 21st

New for 2013
This year at the Block and Bridle horse show we are trying something new.

- Two 4-H/FFA and Open Shows
- Riding and Showmanship Clinics
- All Around Awards for 4-H/FFA (4th-8th grade), 4-H/FFA (9th-12th grade), Pony, Youth (13 & Under), Youth (14-18), Adults (19 & Over) and the Reichert Trophy
Our members decided to make this year's horse show more youth oriented and to facilitate that we will be having three different clinics. Equitation and Horsemanship will take place Friday night (April 19th) and Showmanship will take place Saturday morning (April 20th) before the start of the show at 10:00am. We have a great group of members that have a lot of experience showing in all of these areas and are looking forward to helping the youth that participate at our show with any areas they need some extra help improving on before they show on Saturday and Sunday.

**Sponsorships are available for the show.**

**Vendor space is available in the north cattle annex.**

The [Alumni Scholarship AQHA show](#) will be managed by EMG Horse Shows. A portion of the proceeds from this show will provide Scholarships to students enrolled in the ISU Equine Program.

**Join Us on Block and Bridle Horse Show FaceBook Page for Up-To-Date Information**

[Email: bbhorseshow@gmail.com](mailto:bbhorseshow@gmail.com)

### ATTENTION 4-H and FFA Youth

Have you wanted to try AQHA classes? Try the New Rookie Level Classes at the AQHA Alumni Scholarship Show for FREE. (In other words, pay for the 4-H/FFA classes and you are exempt from the AQHA fee for Rookie classes). These classes Include Halter, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship And Trail. You will need to be a member of AQHA.

The Rookie classes are entry level classes designed for new horses and exhibitors in AQHA. Eligibility for a Rookie-level class depends on both the horse and the rider's show records: For a horse to be eligible to compete in a Rookie-level class, that horse must have earned fewer than 10 lifetime points in that class in any division. For an exhibitor to be eligible to compete in a Rookie-level class, that exhibitor must have earned fewer than 10 lifetime points in that class in any division. Thus, to compete in a Rookie level class, the horse and rider must each have earned fewer than 10 points in that particular class.
ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AQHA SHOW
APRIL 18 - 21, 2013
IOWA STATE FAIRGROUNDS • Des Moines, IA
JACOBSON EXHIBITION CENTER

2 Split/Combined AQHA/NSBA Shows - 4 Judges
1 AQHA/NSBA Special Event (WP & Trail) - 1 Judge
NSBA Dual Approved* - 2 Judges (*NSBA fees not included in flat fee.)

Non-Showing Horse or Tack Stalls Available for $70

Host Hotels:
Econolodge (newly renovated)
515-262-2525
Deadline: March 17th
$70 - 2 Double Beds
$75 - King Bed
$80 - King Suite

Sleep Inn & Suites
515-299-9922
Deadline: March 21st
$92 - 2 Queens or 1 King

Mention EMG Block & Bridle for special rates!

- Held in conjunction with the ISU Block & Bridle Horse Show. For more information on their 4H/FFA & Open Shows, please visit: http://bhshow.public.istate.edu
- A portion of the proceeds from this show will provide Scholarships to students enrolled in the ISU Equine Program.
- If you are showing at the AQHA show and would like to also compete in the Block & Bridle 4H/FFA or Open Show, you may obtain a pass at our entry office for an additional $50. This pass allows you to show in the 4H/FFA &/or Open Show both days.
- For more information and to make AQHA stall reservations for the Alumni Scholarship AQHA Show, please contact us at 319-668-2699 or visit our website: www.EMGHorsshows.com

FLAT FEE
$225
Includes 1-Stall, Entries, AQHA fees, IQHA fees & Office fee for 1 horse!

VENDORS:
Interested in being a Vendor at the show?
Please contact EMG at 319-668-2699 for more information!

RANCH HORSE PLEASURE!
ROOKIE CLASSES!
Online - 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 (All presentations are recorded)

Three Choices for Hands-On Training
University of Nebraska (4/18 & 4/19) or
Iowa State University (5/3 & 5/4) or
A Self Assessment Using Video of Yourself Performing Required Tasks

Benefits and Opportunities for the Certified Master Equine Manager

- Certification is open to junior and senior high school students, and any adult with an interest in horses
- Receive 24 hours quality instruction from ISU & UNL
- Learn to promote quality horse care and responsible horse ownership.
- Increase skills for conducting workshops for youth and adults.
- Increase your knowledge in behavior, nutrition, facility requirements, health care, selection and hoof care.
- Develop new skills to enhance employment opportunities within the industry.
- Secure web access on Blackboard to numerous equine references pertaining to each subject matter.

What the Course Teaches

- Equine Behavior
- Nutrition
- Pasture Management
- Facilities & Equipment
- Equine Selection
- Healthcare - Diseases & Parasites
- Hoof Care

How The Course is Taught

- Six 2-hr sessions online (Online sessions are recorded if you are not available to attend)
- Hands on training at UNL or ISU

Changes Coming to Master Equine Manager

Starting September 1st the Master Equine Manager program will have a "facelift". The new title will be Master Equine Manager E-Learning Certificate program. The program will consist of presentations available for viewing on a DVD or by URL, activities and quizzes. Hands on workshops will always be available but a person could complete the program with a Self Assessment Using Video of Yourself Performing Required Tasks.

If you cannot attend the "hands-on" workshops this spring you still could register for the course, watch the recorded videos and a self assessment worksheet will be sent to you. You would be required to video yourself, send the video to MEM staff and the video will be approved for completion of the certification.

For more information go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/masterequine

Developing Real Sportsmanship in a Reality Show World
April 23rd
Summary: Today's world seems obsessed with "reality" shows. From Jersey Shore to the Kardashians, or reality contests like Survivor or the Amazing Race, people tune in by the millions each week to see what happens next in a (supposedly) unscripted environment. A research-based article on Greatist.com reports that these shows are very popular with those in the 18-34 age range, which is also a relatively large segment of the horse show world. Further, we know that fans of reality TV tend to be attention-seekers, and that the "more reality shows a person likes, the more concerned he or she is with their social status", both of which can be motivating factors in the horse show world. Finally, research suggests that "...too much reality TV may lead viewers to idealize real world situations...", which can be either a help or a hindrance in the competitive arena. This webinar will share strategies for dealing with negative horse showing behaviors and enhancing positive behaviors, to create "Real Sportsmanship in a Reality Show World."

About the Presenter: Karen Waite is an Equine Extension Specialist in Michigan and teaches and advises Equine students in the MSU Department of Animal Science. In her Extension roles she coordinates the Adult Equine Extension program, the Michigan Equine Survey, and is the Director of Leadership Development for My Horse University. In addition, she oversees the Youth Equine Extension program and is active with eXtension Horse Quest.

Sonny Hot Moves For Sale

Sonny's Hot Moves - "Jackson" - Bay gelding by Man With the Moves (Artful Move) out of Miss Hot Jazz (by Sonny's Hot Jazz). 'Jackson' is sure to be a long-strided, graceful moving hunter. His sire 'Man With the Moves' is a son of Artful Investment. He has an excellent disposition and at 17.2 hands; he is an impressive hunter. His dam is a daughter of Sonny's Hot Jazz - Sonny's Hot Jazz is one of the most versatile Quarter Horse stallions breeding today. He has won World Champion and Reserve World Champion honors in such diverse disciplines as Pleasure Driving, Trail and Working Hunter. He is a Congress Champion and Congress All-Around Champion. Sonnys 112 point earning offspring have earned 11,377 AQHA points for $177,876 in Incentive Funds. They have earned 16 World and Reserve Championships, 4 AQHA Championships and a European Championship. They are shown successfully at every level from Novice Youth to Open. [http://www.sonnyshotjazz.com/] for more info on Sonny's Hot Jazz

For more information on Sonny Hot Moves or other yearlings for sale, can contact Nikki by email at nikkif@iastate.edu or by phone at 515-290-7669.

Like Iowa State University Horse Barn on Facebook

Mid- to Late- March 2013 Hay Price Update
Mid- to Late- March, 2013 Hay Price Update

These are hay prices paid at auction in the recent past weeks. Much of the price information is obtained from USDA Hay Market News. Personal contacts of local Iowa hay auctions secured price information for these market outlets. Auctions were chosen to reflect prices across Iowa. Other nearby auctions may exist. No endorsement of the listed auctions is intended.

The USDA Market News group uses the following hay classification designations in their market price reports. Of all hay sold, 1% or less would be designated in the 'Supreme' class. There is a general relationship between visual characteristics and forage analyses. If possible, the following Hay test analyses ranges (on dry matter basis) should be used to establish the appropriate quality designation. When feeding livestock, sample all forage lots and use forage analysis information for balancing livestock rations. Read More

Equine Management Program

Now is the time to register for the fee-based Equine Management Program. A properly managed pasture reduces feed expenses, promotes overall horse health and reduces environmental concerns. The equine management program aims to optimize the use of Iowa horse pastures and includes a farm visit from Iowa State University staff; area soil map, soil analysis, and fertility recommendations; forage quality analysis and plant species identification; weed control recommendations; manure management recommendations; an overall facilities assessment; and a customized pasture and grazing management plan.

EHV-1 Information

Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) infection in horses can cause respiratory disease, abortion in mares, neonatal foal death, and/or neurologic disease. The neurologic form of EHV-1 is called Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM).

News and information about the latest outbreaks and cases of equine herpesvirus-1. In the News

- March 25, 2013 - Another Montana horse is diagnosed with the neurological form of equine herpesvirus type-1.
- March 8, 2013 - More EHV-1 infected horses in California, Tennessee, Utah and Illinois add to the tally in the United States and Canada.

Informational Links

- Equine Bio-Security Risk Calculator - Complete this
questionnaire and find out how your farm rates - plus learn ways to improve the areas that are at risk.

- Equine Biological Risk Management
- Routes of Transmission
- Equine Routes of Transmission
- Recommendations for Horses Exposed to EHV-1 or EHM. EHV information sheets, color brochures, historical information, a review of disease mitigation strategies and an EHV-1 guidance document.
- General EHV Resources from the American Association of Equine Practitioners
- Equine Herpesvirus Control Guidelines
- AAEP Biosecurity Guidelines
- Biosecurity Instructions for Caretakers (English and Spanish)

Alliance for Iowa State
-Make Your Voice Heard-

**Extension and Outreach** educational programs harness Iowa State University resources to meet the needs of Iowans. Each year nearly one million people from every county in Iowa directly benefit from Extension and Outreach programs.

- Extension and Outreach grows businesses and strengthen communities. Companies who worked with the Center for Industrial Research and Services (CIRAS) last year reported $414 million in total impact which included making $46 million in new investments and creating or retaining more than 5,600 jobs.

Skills training is provided to more than 40,000 community leaders, local government officials, business owners, entrepreneurs and volunteers each year.

- Extension and Outreach supports a safe, sustainable and affordable food supply. More than 6,000 Iowans received information to help them with drought-related issues in 2012.

The drought response continues as we look ahead to 2013 and anticipate Iowan's needs for their farms, families, businesses and communities.

- Extension and Outreach helps Iowa become the healthiest state in the nation. Health and well-being educational programs helped nearly 2,000 child care providers improve nutrition skills leading to healthier eating and activities for the children in their care.

- Extension and Outreach prepares young people for the future. Extension and Outreach programs engage Iowa youth in science, technology, engineering, math and 4-H projects ranging from environmental stewardship to polymer experiments and DNA extraction. STEM skills are developed in young people to prepare Iowa's future workforce.

More than 105,000 (that's 1-in-5) school age youth participated in 4-H programs last year.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach makes a difference for Iowans; see how at **Our Story**.

Did you know? There is a county extension office in every Iowa county, with two in Pottawattamie County. Over the next 6 years, county offices will celebrate 100 years of shared commitment and
continued partnership with Iowa State University.

**No easy horses**

by M. McCurry-Schmidt

A series about problems, solutions and public perception issues facing the U.S. horse industry.

By Madeline McCurry-Schmidt / ASAS Communications

Part 1: What happens to horses today?
The closing of the last U.S. horse harvest facility in 2007 was portrayed as a victory for animal well being. But since then, horse owners have struggled to safely and affordably dispose of unwanted horses.

Horses are still harvested for their meat, but with the closure of U.S. facilities, they face new threats to well being. Research shows that rescue groups do not have the resources to handle the unwanted horse population.

Without the option to send horses to U.S. facilities, many horse owners rely on harvest facilities in Mexico and Canada. Data from the USDA Market News Service show that 11,080 horses were transported to Mexico for harvest in 2006, and that number jumped 311 percent in 2007. The number of horses exported to Canada doubled from 50,000 in 2006 to 100,000 in 2007. A new harvest facility even opened in Saskatchewan to handle the increased supply.

According to data from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the shift to foreign harvest facilities increased the average trip for horses by 200 miles. Longer transport times can lead to health issues like stress and dehydration. In 2000, Ted Friend, Faculty Fellow and Professor of Animal Behavior and Well-being at Texas A&M University, reported that horses with access to feed and water show signs of fatigue after 28 hours of transport. Without access to water, horses were unfit for travel after 28 hours. 

**Merced River Plan Public Comment Period Open Until April 18, 2013**

The National Park Service has released the Merced Wild and Scenic River Draft Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review and comment. Once adopted, this plan will serve as the blueprint for all activities within the 81 mile corridor of the river in Yosemite National Park, including site-specific actions needed to protect the river in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, and Wawona. At this time they are proposing to eliminate the horseback riding day rides in Yosemite Valley. The public can make comments online.

**2013 Iowa Horse Judges Directory**

The 2013 Iowa Horse Judges Directory is available.

**Featured Video**

National Horse Safety on the Road
The fourth factor in determining if you have a horse business is the Expectation Your Assets Will Increase in Value. The expectation of appreciation of assets, such as a breeding stallion or a horse facility, is considered in determining whether the taxpayer intended a profit. The expectation must be that the operating income and capital gains from selling the asset would more than cover the expenses involved in the activity. An example is showing a stallion accrues expenses. Would the showing increase the value of the stallion covering the costs of showing? Did a show record increase the number of mares bred to the stallion? If you were audited you may need to provide proof by a horse appraiser. Continue Reading

Warning Signs: You May Need to Post Signs on Your Horse Property

What Warning Signs Do
In the equine context, warning signs can serve several important functions:

- Preventing injury or death
- Fulfilling a legal duty to warn potential victims about danger
- Keeping unauthorized personnel out of restricted areas
- Fulfilling the requirements of a state equine activity statute

When to Post Warning Signs
Your State's Equine Activity Statute Requires It. As of February 2013, all U.S. states except California, Maryland, New York and Nevada have "equine activity statutes" designed to limit liability for horse-related activities. Some equine activity statutes require horse facilities to post warning signs on the property that meet very specific requirements and include exact wording. Unless horse facilities in those states post the signage exactly as the statute requires, the statute won't protect them. Continue Reading

Information about the Iowa Domesticated Animal Liability Law. Signs are available for purchase at the Iowa Horse Fair.

Support Grazing News
1. Place your logo with a click through URL in Grazing News or
2. Make a tax deductible donation to the equine teaching and extension program. The Equine Program consists of teaching and extension and outreach at Iowa State University. Currently there are over 1,000 students in Animal Science with 25% having equine interests. Equine Extension consists of the adult and youth program.

Contact Dr. Miller for more information.

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**eXtension's HorseQuest Online Resources**

- Ask the Experts
- Free Horse Learning Lessons
- Horse management articles
- eXtensionHorses Twitter
- eXtensionHorses Facebook
- eXtensionHorses YouTube
- Equine Business Network
- HorseBiz Network Blog

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**Links**

- Association of Iowa Fairs
- Iowa State Fair
- BugGuide
- Crop Adviser Institute - Includes computer based, learning modules on pasture
- Drought
- ISU Aflatoxin Website
- ISU Department of Animal Science
- ISU Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- ISU Pest Management and the Environment
- ISU Weed Science
- US Drought Monitor

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**Calendar of Events**

Do you want your event listed? Send an email to Dr. Peggy Miller-Auwerda.

- April 13th & 14th: Sara Simons Two-Day Clinic
- April 13th: IQHA Horse Show Clinic - Showmanship at Halter and Trail