Tune In Today!

4-H Day with the Hawkeyes!
The University of Iowa and Collegiate 4-H are teaming together to bring a 4-H day to Carver Hawkeye Arena on Sunday March 1st. Please see the attachment for details. The U of I has made this very affordable for families to attend. I am asking you to take a moment to circulate this opportunity to your families.

2015 Iowa County 4-H Fruit Sales- Is in the books!
Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s fruit sales. We’ve reached an all-time high of 1048 boxes sold! Fruit will be delivered to the Iowa County Extension Office on Tuesday, March 3rd and can be picked up from 3:30-7:00 pm. All fruit must be picked up by Wednesday, March 4th by 4:30 pm. Total Profits- $7,066.50, Club Profit- $4,101.69 and Extension Profit (4-H Program Development Fee)- $2,964.81. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

McCullough Fitting Clinic- March 27-29th, Benton County Grounds- Vinton
Attached you will find the Beef Fitting Clinic Flier and Registration. Cost is $100/family. This clinic is first come first serve. We have to limit it to 25 head of cattle. More participants are welcome; however those of you who bring your animals will learn the most. This year’s Clinic will be held at the Benton County Fair Grounds in Vinton, due to the construction of the new building in Marengo. If members attend all three days, their FSQA certification will be complete. Saturday during lunch we will cover two of the FSQA topics and Sunday we will complete the other 2 topics. I can’t stress this enough, members MUST attend all three days to complete their FSQA requirements for the year!

Rabbit Workshop- Save the Date: Sunday, April 12th, 2015
Iowa County Fair Grounds, Marengo Iowa State University Extension
Sunday, April 12th from 12:30 – 3:00 PM
$5.00 registration fee and form is attached. (We need 10 person minimum)

Speakers will discuss rabbit breeds and health. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbit to be evaluated and to show them in a “practice” show. Rabbit tattooing will be available. Youth can build a carrier for their rabbit by reserving supplies for a cost on their registration form. This event is sponsored by the Hilton Willing Workers 4-H Club and the Iowa County 4-H Foundation. Registration form will be sent out soon.

FSQA Training:
This year ONE hands-on FSQA training will be offered in Washington County with several animal breakout sessions. It will be a combined effort with all of Region 15 (Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk Co) to offer a more hands-on and more valuable learning experience region-wide.

SAVE THE DATE:
April 25
8:30 a.m.-noon
Washington County Fairgrounds
Attendance is REQUIRED for all Junior Members (Youth in Grades 4-6) who will show marketable animals at the fair (any animal that potentially will enter the food chain). Intermediates and senior
livestock members are invited to attend this training OR they must pass the FSQA test before July 1st, 2015.

An alternate training is set for May 11 from 5:30 p.m.–9 p.m. at Johnson County Fairgrounds.

**Iowa County Fair- Rule Updates**

1. **Swine Show**
   a. Breeding Gilt Show- Non-Terminal, members will have the option to take these gilts home. Breeding Gilts must be out of the barn 1 hour following the Swine Show.
   b. Exhibitors may show up to a maximum of 3 head in the Individual Market Swine or Breeding Gilt Show or any combination of, **only a total of 3 head**. For example: 2 Markets Swine and 1 Commercial Gilt, 3 Commercial Gilts, 3 Market Hogs, or 2 Commercial Gilts and 1 market swine.

2. **Sheep Show**
   a. White Bred Influence or WBI Market Lamb Class. White Face and Speckled Face Market Lambs will be show separate than the black face market lambs.

3. **Livestock Check-In Times: Wednesday, July 15th**
   a. Rabbit/Poultry- 2-3:30 pm
   b. Sheep/Meat Goats- 3-5 pm
   c. Swine- 4-6 pm with weighing and scanning starting at 6:30 pm
   d. Dairy/Horse/Beef- 4-7 pm

**Derby Swine and Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In Dates:**

1. Derby Swine: Saturday, March 21st, 10-11 am
2. Sheep and Meat Goats: Wednesday, May 6th, 5-6:30 pm

Feel free to contact me or the Extension Office if you have any questions, we are more than happy to help. Just an FYI, no Tune in Today will be sent next week, as I will be out of the office. So stay tuned for next e-mail: sent the week of Feb. 23rd.

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