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Klinge Hosts Pasture Walk on July 5

FARMERSBURG – Extending the season on a stocker and cow/calf operation will be the topic of discussion at a pasture walk scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 at the Jason Klinge farm near Farmersburg.

A fifth-generation farmer, Klinge farms organically and raises his cattle chemical-free on grass as opposed to grain. Klinge plans to sell yearlings as grass fed beef in the fall after the grazing season.

The walk will start at 10:30 am and is open to grass-based farmers or “graziers” of all species and at all levels. The Klinge Farm is located at 19769 Hwy 13, Farmersburg. The farm is on Hwy 13 north of Elkader. It is about 4 miles south of the Jct of Hwy 13 and Hwy 52, or about 5 miles north of the Jct of Hwy 13 and Hwy 128.

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For more information about the 2011 Pasture Walks, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek or contact Jennifer Bentley, ISU Extension Dairy Specialist at 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu.

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Wedel to Host Pasture Walk on July 13

RICEVILLE – Grazing dairy cattle and sheep will be the topic of discussion at a pasture walk scheduled for Wednesday, July 13 at the Kyle Wedel farm near Riceville.

Wedel intensively grazes 110 crossbred dairy cows. He also has a 100 ewe flock which he lambs in the pasture. An ISU Extension Entomologist will also be present to discuss fly identification and control in pasture settings.

The walk will run from 1 to 3 pm and is open to grass-based farmers or “grazers” of all species and at all levels. The Wedel Farm is located at 13551 Douglas Ave., Riceville. From Riceville, take Hwy 9 east about 3 miles to Douglas Ave., then south 3 miles to the farm.

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Fayette County Team Tops State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

NORTHEAST IOWA – The Fayette County Senior Dairy Quiz Bowl Team placed first in the annual 4-H Youth Dairy Quiz Bowl, held June 14 at the Starmont High School in Arlington. The team will represent Iowa 4-H at the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl in Louisville, Ky., in November.

The event provides experience for the up and coming youth to demonstrate their knowledge about the dairy industry, said Mike Anderson, 4-H agriculture program coordinator with Iowa State University Extension.

The winning team, Dairy Stellar Sizzling Spritzers, included Gina Fisher, Jake Mills, Molly Schmitt and Kelli Steinlage. Diana Stewart and Joey Adams were the coaches for Fayette County.

The second place senior team was Dubuque County’s Under the Influence of Dairy. Team members included Megan Rauen, Emily Neumueller, Josh Simon, Emily Simon, Elizabeth Brehm and Austin Knapp. Shirley Simon was the coach for Dubuque County.

The winning intermediate team was from Dubuque County. Team members included Megan Rauen, Emily Neumueller, Josh Simon, Emily Simon, Elizabeth Brehm and Austin Knapp. Shirley Simon was the coach for Dubuque County.

The winning intermediate division team was from Delaware County. Team members included Katelyn Goldsmith, Mindy Burkle, Nick Bagge and Matthew Lansing. Jennifer Zumbach was the Delaware County coach.

The second place intermediate team was from Fayette County. Powerhouse Cows team members included Mary Scott, Katie Stewart, Ashley Baumler, Sally Hamlett and Nathan Arthur.
Taking top honors in the junior division was the Delaware County team. Members included Tehya Maree Demmer, Amanda Engelken, Haley Fitzpatrick, Matt Hense and Cole Kruse.

The second place team in the junior division was from Dubuque County. The team members were Rachael Brehm, Lexie Ehrlich, Julie Hammerand and Amanda Dougherty.

The scores of a written exam, team questions and toss-up competition combined to determine the winners of each match in this double elimination event. The Iowa 4-H Foundation Dairy Endowment provided various awards for the event and will provide funding for the senior team’s trip to Louisville.

Fifty-six youth participated in the quiz bowl: 12 seniors, 22 intermediates and 22 juniors.

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Ventilation Workshop for Swine Producers Set for July 7

NASHUA – It is said the building ventilation system is the “unseen employee” on a modern swine farm. A properly managed ventilation system keeps the hogs in the best growing environment which is the key to profitability.

ISU Extension is offering a hands-on workshop designed to teach producers about the proper use of swine building ventilation equipment on July 7. Jay Harmon, Iowa State University (ISU) agricultural and biosystems engineering associate professor, says the course will teach basic ventilation principles for moisture control and heat relief, motor curve characteristics for variable speed fans, and how to identify and solve common ventilation problems and mistakes.

In addition to classroom presentations, presenters will demonstrate ventilation principles by using a portable room equipped with single speed and variable speed fans, a variety of inlets and controllers. The ventilation trailer is a unique educational tool that was funded by Pork Checkoff and developed by the land grant universities of Iowa State, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota State.

"This course gives participants hands-on experience with ventilation systems so they're ready to go when they return to their operations,” Harmon said. “They actually turn the dials and twist the knobs, which is the best way to learn."

The workshop will be held from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Borlaug Learning Center near Nashua. Iowa State University Extension and the Iowa Pork Industry Center are sponsoring the program with funding provided by Smithfield to cover speakers and program materials.

Cost of the workshop is $7 per person to cover lunch. Participants will receive a course notebook with handouts. Attendance is limited to 28, with a minimum of 10 registrations required to hold the workshop. Preregistration is required and will be available until the day before the workshop date, only if space remains. For additional information or to preregister, contact Mark Storlie at (563) 425-3331 or e-mail: mstorlie@iastate.edu.

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New Publication Illustrates Energy Efficient Farm Lighting Options
Many farm facilities use incandescent bulbs in a variety of settings, but the upcoming phase-out of incandescents among U.S. retailers demands consideration of energy efficient lighting alternatives. A new publication from Iowa State University Extension compares some of the indoor and outdoor lighting options and their features.

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