



# WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY-MARCH, 2009

## Cathy's Corner

## Did you know?

During the 2008-2009 4-H Year, we had 474 youth enrolled in 26 clubs in Woodford County.

- That was 5 more members than the year before.
- 59% of members are girls, and 41% are boys.
- 17% of members live on a farm.
- 45% of members are in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 78% of members have been in 4-H for 5 years or less.
- Woodford County ranked #1 in 4-H Club enrollment for the West Central Region (out of 23 counties).
- Woodford County ranked #7 in 4-H Club enrollment for the entire state.
- 60% of the counties in the state saw a decrease in club enrollment last year.

You are doing a great job inviting your friends to be a part of 4-H! Let's see if we can have even more 4-H members this year!

## Robotics Team competes at State

Four members of the Clover Patch Kids 4-H Club competed at the Lego League event at Bradley University on December 13. They competed in 4 different areas: Table competition, Research Project, Technical, and Teamwork. The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in teamwork and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, thus qualifying them for the State competition held in Chicago on January 17. Team members were: Christopher McHenry, Alyse McHenry, Rae Lynn Chambers, and Bryce Hutchinson. The team was coached by Paul and JD McHenry.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

*Come see this group demonstrate during the Engineer's Day, Lakeview Museum, February 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.*



**Event Cancellations**-In case of inclement weather, tune in to check if scheduled 4-H events have been cancelled. Cancellations will be updated on our website at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford), the phone answering machine and will also be aired on the following radio and TV stations:

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## Places to Go! Things to Do!

### CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 5 New Member Orientation
- 7 Beef Steer Tattooing
- 7 Bowling Party
- 16 Horse Committee Meeting
- 28 Clover Clinic
- 28 Pork Chop Supper Fundraiser for Swine Projects

#### MARCH

##### Window Display Contest

- 5 Extension Council Meeting
- 19 Federation Meeting
- 24 Junior Leader Workshop
- 30 Leader Meeting (Fair Books Dist.)

#### APRIL

- 1 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 4 Dog Obedience Workshop
- 13 Dog Obedience Starts-Park
- 23 Record Keeping Workshop
- 19-25 National Volunteer Week
- 25 Dog Care Workshop

#### MAY

- 21 Federation Meeting
- 23 Outstanding Record Book Trip
- 25 Memorial Day – Office Closed

#### JUNE

- 7-11 4-H Camp
- 8 Fair Preview Night
- 10 Fair Entries Due
- 12 Bike Rodeo
- TBA Tri-County Horse Show
- 19 Technology Tour
- 30 Public Presentations Contest

#### JULY

- 7 Clothing Judging
- 15 4-H Day at HOI Fair
- 15 Beef Premiere Show
- 18 Fair Work Day
- 20 Project Check-In
- 21-23 4-H Fair
- 28 Splashdown Swim Party
- 28-Aug. 2 State Jr. Horse Show

### Attention 4-H Members planning to show Flowers at the 4-H Fair

If you intend to show flowers at the fair, you need to sign up for the Floriculture project by the April 1 enrollment deadline. Enrolling in Horticulture only allows you to show vegetables and fruits, NOT flowers. Things to keep in mind when you select which level of Floriculture you will enroll: Read page 56 of last year's Fair Book! Fair classes FL 1 – FL 4 correspond with the four levels of project books. If you want to show a terrarium at the fair, you need to be in Floriculture Level C and fair class FL 3. You will not be able to show in classes FL 1, FL 2, or FL 4 (these are for Floriculture Levels A, B, and D). The project levels increase with difficulty. If you enroll in Level B, you may not enroll in Level A next year. The judge will also expect you to have knowledge related to the level you are enrolled in – a 9 year old probably does not have the knowledge and skills to be enrolled in the higher level projects.

4-Hers enrolled in any level of Floriculture may also exhibit in any or all of the sub-classes listed under FL 5 – Floriculture Display (be sure to list subclasses on your Fair Entry)

4-Hers are not required to exhibit in classes FL 1 – FL 4 in order to exhibit in any of the sub-classes of FL 5.

If you are confused, contact the Extension office before April 1.

### New Illinois Vegetable Garden Guide Website

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/vegguide/>

The site includes information about growing and caring for a successful garden, insect and disease problems, a directory on growing specific vegetables, and **how to exhibit vegetables at the fair**. Click on "Exhibiting Vegetables" and then "Desirable Characteristics". This will be the criteria the judges use at the 4-H Fair for size of vegetable, stem length, etc.

### Excellence in Ag Scholarship

Please visit [www.treasurer.il.gov](http://www.treasurer.il.gov) to download application.

## Places to Go! Things to Do!

### **Bowling Party - February 7 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Calling all 4-H Bowlers and parents! Woodford County 4-H will be sponsoring a bowling party at Plaza Lanes in Washington on Saturday, February 7. Hours will be 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and cost will be \$2.75/game plus shoes (\$2 for 12 and under, \$2.50 for adults). Prizes will be awarded according to age groups. Deadline for registration is February 3. Sign up by calling the Extension office at 467-3789 or register on our website. A limited number of lanes are available – sign up early!

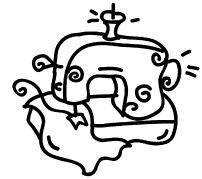
### **Beef Steer Tattooing - February 7 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

Steer tattooing will be held on Saturday, February 7 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Reel's Sale Barn in Congerville. All beef animals must be castrated prior to tattooing. Call the office with numbers.

### **Sewing Guild offers "Beginner's Luck" Program - February 19**

Beginning Sewing will be the topic of the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Woodford County Sewing Guild. Please contact Karen Fyke for more information at 467-4525. The program will introduce the absolute basics of sewing to those who would really like to learn, but don't know where to begin. Karen Fyke will demonstrate such things as knotting the thread, using a thimble, figuring out how to use a pattern and the basics of sewing machine operation.

Experienced members will join in with tips and techniques that they have accumulated over the years. Beginning sewers are welcome and they do not need to bring a thing to the meeting, which will be held at the Woodford County Farm Bureau Building at 7:00 p.m. All Sewing Guild meetings are free and open to the public. If there is sufficient interest in basic sewing classes, the Guild will schedule a series of lessons with experienced members as the instructors.



### **4-H Clover Clinic - February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.**

4-H Clover Clinic will be February 28 at Illinois Central College. If you registered, you will be receiving a postcard with your class schedule and any supplies you need to bring for the day. Class schedules and nametags will be distributed from 8:45 to 9:15 with workshops to follow. Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch that does not require refrigeration. Soda is available for purchase.

### **4-H Night with the Rivermen**

Come celebrate 4-H Night with the Peoria Rivermen on March 7. Game time is 7 PM at Carver Arena as the Rivermen take on the Rockford Ice Hogs. Call the Extension office to order tickets. Upper Bowl: \$13 Lower Bowl: \$18. Deadline for orders is February 20.



### **4-H Camp – June 7-11**

Are you dreaming of warm days, swimming, making crafts and hanging out with new friends? 4-H Camp will be here before you know it! Mark your calendar for June 7-11. That will be Woodford County's week at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Registration information will be available at the Extension office after February 1. Woodford County is allocated 20 registrations on a first come, first serve basis. If you are unable to attend during Woodford County's week, you may register for another week by calling the camp office at 217-762-2741. Scholarships are available to Woodford County 4-H members to help cover a part of the camp registration fee. See registration form at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford) and click on the 4-H icon.

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### Pork Chop Supper Fundraiser

Swine project members are hosting a pork chop supper fundraiser on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 at Eureka Bible Church. Tickets may be purchased from 4-H swine project members for \$6.50 (adult) or \$4.50 (child). Tickets are on sale until February 10. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets contact any Woodford County 4-H Swine member or Doug Wood at 370-3340.



### Junior Leader Workshop

Would you like to become a Junior Leader? Are you already a Junior Leader for your club, but not quite sure what you are supposed to do? Then plan to attend the Junior Leader Workshop on **Tuesday, March 24**. We will begin with pizza and snacks at 6:00 and help each other figure out the role of a Junior Leader, how to work with others (especially younger members), and how to handle tough situations. Junior Leaders completing an assignment in their club will receive a special reward. Plan to attend and find out more!

WHO: Current Junior Leaders or those who would like to become a Junior Leader

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Farm Bureau Building Auditorium

RSVP: to the Extension office at 467-3789 or cblunier@illinois.edu by March 16.

### Food Drive Sponsored by Deer Creek Go-Getters 4-H Club

Many food pantries in the Woodford and surrounding areas are in need of funds to provide hurting families with supplies they need. The Deer Creek Go-Getters 4-H Club members are raising money for these pantries and we need your help!

We're asking that each club bring some sort of container to each month's 4-H meeting to collect pennies, dimes, nickels, etc. for this cause. There will be three deadlines as when to turn your money in: April 1st, June 10th, and at the 4-H Fair. After each deadline, the collected money will be donated to local food pantries. And unlike other fundraisers, this time your club gets to choose which food pantry your money will go! Food pantries are located in Eureka, El Paso, Minonk, Roanoke, Metamora, Spring Bay, Washburn, Deer Creek, and Washington.

And to make this fundraiser even more fun, we are also adding a little competition. After each deadline, we will announce in the newsletter which club is in the lead. We hope to have a special event at the Woodford County 4-H Fair.

### Culture Kits

A culture kit is a box of artifacts from a country along with ideas for using the items in a 4-H club. Examples of items included are: maps, coins, stamps, flags, clothing, recipes, and common household items. We will have Austria during March. Several clubs have already scheduled to use the kits. Call the Extension office to sign up!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Farm Credit Services Scholarship

1<sup>st</sup> Farm Credit Services will award up to 24 scholarships of \$1000 each in their 42-county service territory to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an agriculture-related curriculum. The application is available at 1<sup>st</sup> Farm Credit Services, the Extension office or at [www.usfarmcredit.com/AboutUs/1st/Scholarships.asp](http://www.usfarmcredit.com/AboutUs/1st/Scholarships.asp). Deadline is February 15.

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### Design a new Woodford County 4-H T-Shirt

Calling all creative 4-H members! The 4-H Federation is sponsoring a t-shirt design contest. Use your imagination to design a t-shirt promoting Woodford County 4-H. Federation members will select a winning design and t-shirts will be available for purchase at the Extension office. What a great way to help promote the Woodford County 4-H program! There will not be a specific theme.

Designs should be submitted on an 8 ½" X 11" sheet of white paper.

Designs may be drawn or computer generated.

Designs should be original work of the 4-H member.

Color may be used – remember that the more colors used, the more expensive the t-shirts are to reproduce.

The 4-H clover emblem may not be altered in any way – no writing on top of the clover.

Federation members will be looking for a design that will appeal to all ages of 4-H members – Cloverbuds and teens alike.

4-H members may submit more than one design.

Please put your name and club on the BACK of each design.

The winner will receive a free t-shirt and a cash prize!

The deadline for entries is February 10.



### Design the Fair Book Cover

Before you know it, the fair will be here again! Get out a paper and pencil to design the cover for the 2009 Woodford County 4-H Fair Book. All designs must be submitted to the Extension office by **February 10**. Guidelines for the design are:

Use the theme – *Rising to New Heights in 4-H*

The 4-H clover emblem may not be altered in any way – no writing on top of the clover.

Design should be done in black ink on white paper.

Computer generated designs will not be accepted.

A simple design is easier to reproduce.

Design should be vertical and no larger than 7"X9" so that we can add dates, etc.

4-H members may submit more than one design.

Put your name and club on the back of each design.

If you include wording, be sure spelling is correct.

The winner will be announced in the March newsletter.

A cash prize will be awarded to the winner!



### Age Requirements and Enrollment Deadlines

Youth who are 8 years of age or in the third grade and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before September 1, 2008 may enroll in a 4-H club.

4-H age for the 2008-2009 4-H year is calculated as of September 1, 2008. This is the age you will use on all 4-H information that requests age unless stated otherwise.

4-H Members must be 10 years old (4-H age) in order to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair.

All livestock (anything with four legs and hooves) must be enrolled by 4:30 p.m. on January 5, 2009. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Note: This is an enrollment date, not an ownership date. General projects can begin enrolling September 1, 2008 and must be enrolled by April 1, 2009.

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### Re-enroll for the New 4-H Year

4-H members, be sure to re-enroll for the new 4-H year. An enrollment form must be completed each year. Enrollment forms are available from your leader or at the Extension office. The deadline for enrolling in livestock projects was January 5, but you do have until **April 1** for all other projects.

When completing your enrollment form, be sure to: Use the current *Illinois Clovers* and County Project List to select your projects. An old copy of a Fair Book may give you an idea of what the specific fair exhibit requirements will be, but usually the fair book has many classes listed for each project. By the January (livestock) and April deadlines, you need only to select the project, not the specific fair class. The specific fair exhibit class will be listed on your Fair Entry form due in June.

List the project on your enrollment form exactly as it is listed in the *Illinois Clover*.

Example:

Visual Arts (not Chalk/Carbon/Pigment) or Microwave Magic A (not Foods & Nutrition) or Natural Resources II (not Natural Resources) or Public Presentations (not Communications). If there is more than one level in the project area, be sure to list the level on your enrollment form. Example: Electricity II.

### Window Display Contest to be Held

The annual 4-H Window Display Contest will be held March 2-7. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to design a display to inform others about the 4-H Program. The display should be in place by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2 and stay in place throughout the week. The theme will be: ***Rising to New Heights in 4-H.***

For those clubs with limited store front window possibilities – posters and bulletin boards will also work to spread the 4-H message! Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place window display and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place bulletin board/poster.

Judging criteria includes effective use of title, attracts attention, holds interest, conveys 4-H message, and workmanship.

An entry form should be completed and sent to the Extension office by February 25.

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Display \_\_\_\_\_

If display is located inside of a building (library display case, etc.) please list hours available for viewing \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Window \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin Board/Poster

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Dog Project

A special dog obedience seminar will be held on **Saturday, April 4** from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the **Farm Bureau Building Auditorium**. 4-H'ers enrolled in dog obedience and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. **DO NOT bring your dog to this session.** Dog Obedience classes will begin on **Monday, April 13** and meet every Monday (except Memorial Day) until the 4-H Fair. Classes will be held at the Farm Bureau Park in Eureka from 7:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a \$20.00 per member fee payable on April 13. **BRING A COMPLETED VACCINATION FORM FROM YOUR VET INDICATING YOUR DOG HAS ALL NECESSARY SHOTS. DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL VACCINATION FORMS ARE CHECKED.** On **Saturday, April 25**, a Dog Care Workshop will be held at the **Farm Bureau Building Auditorium** beginning at 10:00 a.m. All 4-H'ers in Dog Care and Dog Obedience should plan to attend. **DO NOT** bring your dog to this session. If you plan to attend any of these workshops, please call 467-3789 or visit web-site at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford)

### Master Food Preserver

Would you like to share your expertise in food preservation with others in your community? This series of the Master Food Preserver classes will be held April 28, 29, 30 and May 6 and 7, 2009 in the Lincoln Room at the U of I Extension Building, #30, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The cost of the classes is \$150.00, which includes a University of Illinois Master Food Preserver Notebook, food preservation materials, and food used in the lab. Each session consists of lecture including hands-on laboratory food preservation activities. Master Food Preservers become certified and are encouraged to volunteer back time as determined by county director to meet local needs.

For more information or to register for the program contact: Cynthia Baer at the Woodford County Extension office at 309-467-3789. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 10, 2009.

### Red Cross Babysitter's Training

For Youth 11 years and older  
Sponsored by University of Illinois Extension,  
Woodford County  
El Paso Public Library, 149 E. First St., El Paso, IL  
March 24 (9:00 a.m. to 12:30) and  
March 25 (9:00 a.m. to noon) Or  
Woodford County Extension Office,  
117 W. Center, Eureka, IL  
April 6 (9:00 a.m. to 12:30) and  
April 7 (9:00 a.m. to noon)

Many children are put in charge of their younger brothers and sisters while their parents are at work or babysit to earn money. This class which is designed for youth ages 11 and up, will be taught in two sessions on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Registration and fees are due by March 16 (El Paso session) or March 30 (Eureka session). The class is limited to the first 25 who register. *There is a class fee of \$60 which includes the training, a reference book and a babysitter's portfolio filled with first aid supplies, flashlight, and a fill-in-the blank notepad for emergency and safety information.*

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



## 4-H Livestock News

### Poultry Workshop Update

We had a great turnout at our January workshop. Twenty four members and 15 parents came to hear our guest speakers cover a variety of topics. Guest speakers and topics included Daniel Leman-Pheasants; Boone LaHood-Quail; Gabriel and Beulah Thacker-Baby Chick Care, Erin Nicholson-Bantams; and Cyleste Montgomery-Breeds of Chickens.

There will be three new Bantam classes added to the Woodford County Fair Poultry Show: Cockerel Class, Pullet Class and Pen Carcass Class. Details on these classes will be available at a later date. There will not be a special poultry class this year.

Please remember the Poultry Exhibition Requirements—If you are ordering poultry this spring, save your invoice showing that they came from a NPIP flock or hatchery (U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean). As long as you do not have any other birds on your farm you will not need any additional blood tests. IF you have any old hens or other poultry on the farm, you will need a blood test on your show birds before you can show them at the fair. IF you are showing old hens at the fair they need to be blood tested. IF you hatch any of your own chicks, pheasants, quail or turkeys, you must have an invoice for the eggs showing they are from a NPIP flock. If you hatch eggs that are not from an NPIP flock, those animals will have to be tested. Waterfowl (ducks and geese) DO NOT need to be blood tested.

The poultry committee will offer free blood tests again this year.

### Changes/Notices Regarding the 2009 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF BIRTH, OWNERSHIP AND TATTOO DATES FOR ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

**Note:** This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2009 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

The Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification website availability is now **February 1, 2009**. Local Extension staff and Vocational Agriculture staff will be notified of the website address when the site revisions are completed. All State Fair beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, goat and poultry exhibitors are required to *complete* QA&E Certification via this site. Certification need only be done once. Certification deadlines for 2009 are June 9 for horse exhibitors and July 1 for other species' exhibitors.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 9 for Horses; July 1 for all other livestock; August 1 for Dogs. Fees are allocated as follows:

Beef, Dairy, Horses – \$10.00 per head	Dogs – \$2.00 per dog
Poultry, Rabbits – \$1.00 per head	Sheep, Swine, Goats – \$2.50 per head

**Premises Identification numbers will be required for all Junior Department Barrow entries to the Illinois State Fair.** This is being required by the packing house(s) that process the barrows from the State Fair; since the show is terminal, the Premises ID number will be required.

**Dairy Goats** – Exhibitors will now be allowed to exhibit **in more than one breed** of Dairy Goats. However, exhibitors are still limited to two entries per class.

**Poultry** – Weights for a roaster market pen shall now have a maximum weight of 8 pounds per bird (vs. 12 pounds previously) and a ¼ pound allowance for all 3 birds.

**Rabbits** – The following addition to Rule #4 in the 2008 Premium Book (page 143) was made: ***Breed and varieties that have not been fully approved by the ARBA are not eligible to show at the Illinois State Fair.*** The Champagne d'Argent breed has been dropped; Standard Chinchilla and Mini Satin breeds have been added.

**Sheep** – Wethers – Drop the Cheviot breed class; Add a class for White-Face Crossbreds  
Breeding Sheep – Change Rule #2 (page 101) to read: ***Each exhibitor will be allowed two entries per class, but with a maximum of 12 entries and not exceed 6 entries per breed.***

## 4-H Livestock News

### Goat Health Mini-Seminar – February 28

Both meat and dairy goat producers looking to sharpen their management skills related to animal health will want to check Saturday morning, February 28 on their calendars. The entire seminar will be held on the campus of Black Hawk East, in the warmth of the Ag Arena building, located just south of Kewanee, Illinois at the junction of Routes 34/78.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Ag Arena building bleacher area with coffee and donuts. The program will then start promptly at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and a short update by Jeff West, Extension County Director, Henry-Stark Unit, concerning available Extension goat management resources. This short presentation will be followed by the featured speaker Dr. Chris Duemler, D.V.M. from Brodhead, Wisconsin with a presentation on "Whole Herd Health."

In addition to Dr. Duemler, there will also be an excellent round-up of knowledgeable speakers who will present the following topics during the morning session. They are "Increasing Pasture Production and Quality with Multi-Species Grazing" by Dean Oswald, University of Illinois Extension Grazing Specialist; "Live Hoof Trimming Demonstration" by Charlie Onley, a meat goat producer; "Meat & Dairy Goat Feeding Similarities and Differences" by Dr. Rodney Dennis, Nutritionist with Kent Feeds.

Following the 'feeding' presentation by Dr. Dennis, participants will also have the opportunity to sign up and participate in a FAMACHA certification program at 1:30 p.m. The certification and training program will run from 1:30 until 4:00 p.m. and will cost an additional \$15 per family/farm for the card. FAMACHA is a parasite management program designed to help producers identify and treat only problem animals rather than the entire flock. The training program, which includes classroom and hands-on instruction, will be provided by Jennifer Miller, D.V.M. and Andrew Miller.

The program is sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, Heartland Dairy Goat Club, and Black Hawk East College. A light lunch of chili, hot dogs, and a drink will be available for purchase on site between sessions from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Registration is \$10 for adults, free for youth; \$12 for walk-ins that day. FAMACHA training fee is separate from registration. Pre-registration should be made by February 20 by contacting the Extension office at 309-853-1533 or email Jeff West at [jwest@illinois.edu](mailto:jwest@illinois.edu) or mail your registration directly to Henry-Stark Extension, 26234 Black Hawk Road, Galva, IL 61434.

### Perfect Storm Spring Club Goat Sale and Education Seminars

This event is sponsored by the Hillside Boer Goats, Chebanse, Illinois and will be held April 25, 2009. Consignors include-Hillside Boer Goats, Namchick Farms Boer Goats, Windy Hill Farm, Lazy Raven Ranch, and Trifecta Boers. There will be over 40 wethers and does from some of the top boer genetics in the Midwest.

8:00 a.m.	Viewing Starts
9:00 a.m.	Feed seminar presented by Purina Mills
10:00 a.m.	Fitting and Showing Seminar by Rick and Gayla Childress of Tangle Tree Boer Goats
1:00 p.m.	Sale starts-Auctioneer: Rollie Rosenboom

The feeding seminar presented by Purina Mills will be very informative for both the beginning producer as well as advanced showmen. Rick and Gayla Childress, who will be presenting the fitting seminar, compete throughout the Midwest and at national shows and have several national champion titles.

Website: [www.hillsideboergoats.com/wether-sale](http://www.hillsideboergoats.com/wether-sale)

Contacts: Rodney Meyer (815) 791-5088 and Chris Peters (815) 378-3656

## 4-H Livestock News

### Livestock Judging Contests

For more information on any of the following Judging Contests, please contact the Extension Office. Many have registrations due prior to the contest.

Feb. 21 – Illinois Beef Expo in Springfield

March 7 – Black Hawk College

April 4 – McDonough County 4-H at  
Western Illinois University

### Rabbit Workshop

No Rabbit Workshops in February or March this year. The Rabbit Committee decided to wait until after April enrollments to have a Rabbit Workshop. So watch the upcoming newsletters and mark your calendar. If you have questions before April please call Charlotte Gates-Richards at 447-6914 or Kathy Bowald at 467-2559.

### Horse Project News

Horse Paper/Pictures: Horse project members must stop in the office and check that the correct ownership/registration papers and pictures are on file in our office. You will be asked to initial and date your papers.

Anyone who exhibited at the State Fair in 2008 will have NO records on file. These are sent in with State Fair entries and are not returned.

**Deadline for updating papers is May 1, 2009.**

State Fair Jr. Horse Show – the 2009 State Fair Jr. Horse Show is scheduled for July 28-Aug 2.

Illinois Horse Fair – March 6-8, Illinois State Fairgrounds – This all-breed fair and industry tradeshow features acclaimed trainers hosting reining, Western, dressage and saddle seat equitation clinics, and includes breed and sport demonstrations, educational seminars, Stallion Row and Parade, and 140 commercial vendors. Visit Illinois Horse Fair on the web at <http://www.horsemencouncil.org/>

### Quality Assurance & Ethics Training-<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/qaec>

4-H and FFA members exhibiting beef, dairy, goats, horses, sheep, swine, and poultry at the Woodford County 4-H Fair or the Illinois State Fair are required to complete a Quality Assurance and Ethics training. Participants are required to only take the training once. Those who have previously taken the QAEC training are still maintained on the approved list and will not need to be re-certified. **As in previous years, this certification for beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, and poultry exhibitors must be completed by July 1. Because of an early state show, horse exhibitors must complete certification prior to June 9.**

Members needing to complete this requirement have the opportunity to do so from their home, school, local library or Extension office via the QAEC web site. The QAEC web will be available on February 1. The URL for the site will be <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/qaec/>. Participants will be required to follow just a couple steps to complete the certification. These steps include registering one's first and last name, and entering the county of their 4-H Club or FFA School. After completing the registration, exhibitors will receive an ID number or "token." If training is not completed in one setting, they will need this "token" to re-enter the training. Exhibitors will receive training on six different sections that include Introduction, Benefits, Purpose, Care, Medicine, and Affidavit. Following each section, participants must correctly answer a short quiz to make sure they have captured the knowledge within each section. Upon completion of these six different sections, participants will have the opportunity to receive training in one or more of the seven species sections of beef, dairy, horses, sheep, swine, goats and poultry.

In case participants cannot complete the QAEC certification while on the web, by retaining their token ID, they will have the opportunity to return to the website and complete the requirements. This can be done by entering the token in the space provided on the Introduction page. With this information, the program will allow them to leave the program and return to complete the requirements. Upon completion of the training, they will be added to the database. Also, before exiting the website participants will want to print a certificate to verify completion.

# LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

## Major Fair Changes for Livestock

Livestock committees met in August and made the following changes to the rules for the 4-H Fair. If you have any questions or need clarification, PLEASE call the Extension office or the Superintendent to avoid confusion at the fair. Stay tuned!

### **Beef**

Purebred classes will be offered for every breed. Registration papers are required.

### **Goats**

Two entries will be allowed for each class. My Pet Goat class added.

Meat Goat Classes offered: Grades-Nonpapered, Percentages-up to 93%, Purebred -Over 94%

Working Goat Classes added: Beginning, Reigning, Single, Team.

### **Rabbits**

Adding a Rabbit Knowledge Olympics. Carcass Class – may enter up to three (3) rabbits.

Single Fryer – no more than three (3) rabbits per exhibitor.

Costume Theme for 2009 is "Favorite Historical American Pair".

### **Sheep**

Added Fall Lambs-Pen of 3 (2 ewes, 1 ram)

Added Spring Lambs-Pen of 3 (2 ewes, 1 ram)

### **Swine**

Premiere Barrows class has been deleted.

Pairs class added (any combination of pigs – barrows/gilts). Could be 2 barrows, 2 gilts or 1 barrow & 1 gilt.

## Livestock Registration Guidelines

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**Beef Steers** – exhibitor's name or other 4-H member in immediate family

**Beef Heifers** – exhibitor's name, family farm or immediate family

**Dairy** – exhibitor's name or lease submitted to Extension office by May 1, 2009

**Goats** – exhibitor's name or other 4-H member in immediate family

**Swine** – exhibitor's name only

**Sheep** – exhibitor's name, family farm or immediate family

**Horses** – if not owned by exhibitor, lease papers are needed by May 1, 2009.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR – JR SHOW-All animals must be registered in the name of the 4-H exhibitor only EXCEPT horses, which can be leased.

## Livestock Ownership Dates

To be eligible to show at the Woodford County 4-H Fair, animals must be owned and cared for by exhibitor by the dates listed below. **Please note that State Fair ownership dates/birth dates may be different than county dates. Please check with the Extension office if you plan to exhibit at the State Fair.**

**Beef:** Steers – February 1, 2009

Heifers – Sr Yearling – January 1, 2009, Summer Yearling – March 1, 2009, Sr Calves – May 1, 2009

**Dairy:** Cows – January 1, 2009, Calves & Yearling Heifers – May 1, 2009

If exhibitor is leasing animals – lease must be submitted to Extension office by May 1, 2009.

**Goats:** May 1, 2009

**Sheep:** Production Sheep – January 1, 2009 EXCEPT first time exhibitors

Ewe lambs – May 1, 2009

Market/Premiere Lambs – April 15, 2009

**Swine:** Production & Market – May 1, 2009

**Rabbits:** April 1, 2009

**Horses:** May 1, 2009 – registration or lease papers & two pictures in office.

## WOODFORD COUNTY FAIR Livestock Tattooing

4-Hers planning to exhibit beef steers at the 2009 Woodford County Fair will need to have their animals weighed and tattooed on February 7, 2009 between 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Reel's Sale Barn. All beef animals must be castrated prior to tattooing.

## STATE FAIR Livestock Tattooing

4-Hers planning to exhibit PREMIERE steers, barrows and wethers at the 2009 Illinois State Fair will need to have their animals weighed and tattooed. The dates that these animals must be weighed include the following:

**Steers** – Weighed and tattooed on February 7 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Reel's Sale Barn. All beef animals must be castrated prior to tattooing.

**Premiere Barrows** – Weighed and tattooed on or between February 10 and April 15, 2009. Barrows are tattooed by making an appointment with the Extension Office. Pigs must be farrowed on or after February 10, 2008 and tattooed before they are 35 days old and can not weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pound per day of age when tattooed. Pigs must be earnotched.

**Premiere Wethers** – Weighed and tattooed at a central location. Date and location to be announced.

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If you are receiving a paper copy, but have an email address where we can send the newsletter please fill out your enrollment form with the information or call our office. There are two lines on the enrollment form so a 4-H member and parent can both list email addresses and receive the 4-H newsletter if they wish.



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