



WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 2009

With the April 1 enrollment deadline right around the corner, hopefully you are thinking about your 4-H projects. Have you started working on your projects yet? Wouldn't it be great to have at least some of your projects completed in advance and take away some of the stress that comes with waiting until the last minute? It is never too early to get started! Just a friendly reminder that you should be completing a Project Plan (also known as a Goal Sheet) before you begin your project work. Project Plan sheets are available from your leader, at the Extension office or online. Be sure to ask if you need help completing the Project Plans, have questions related to activities in your project books or need clarification on exhibit requirements. Any final changes to your project enrollment must be done by April 1st.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT

Together We Can....Tell Us How is a statewide survey being launched on March 1 by University of Illinois Extension to gather input on what Illinois residents need to know to make life better, healthier, safer and more profitable. The survey focuses on 10 issue areas and topics related to each area. You must be at least 18 years of age to complete this survey.

Take a moment, and encourage others, to enter this link <http://TellUs.extension.uiuc.edu> on the computer and complete the short online survey before it closes on March 31. Extension staff will use the input to develop and offer information and programs. Thank you for your assistance!

Note: For those who don't have access to a computer, paper copies of the survey can be requested by contacting our office.

Illinois Clover Survey

The Clover was reorganized last year and before the State 4-H Office begin revisions for the new year, they would like to know your thoughts. It's important that they hear from you since the Clover is for your use. All comments are submitted anonymously.

If you have any questions, or any problems with the link, please let us know. The survey will be open until March 31 and it only takes about five minutes to complete.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228VPDPUR2W>



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, 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

MARCH	
19	Federation Meeting
24	Junior Leader Workshop
26	Pork Quality Assurance Training
28	Robotics Workshop
30	Leader Meeting (Fair Books Dist.)
APRIL	
1	4-H Enrollment Deadline
4	Dog Obedience Seminar
11	Horse Workshop
13	Dog Obedience Training
18	Rabbit Workshop
18	Goat Workshop
20	Dog Obedience Training
23	Record Keeping Workshop
19-25	National Volunteer Week
25	Horse Workshop
27	Dog Obedience Training
MAY	
2	Dog Care Workshop
4	Dog Obedience Training
7	Extension Council Meeting
9	Horse Workshop
11	Dog Obedience Training
18	Dog Obedience Training
21	Federation Meeting
23	Outstanding Record Book Trip
23	Horse Workshop
25	Memorial Day – Office Closed
JUNE	
1	Horse Workshop
1	Dog Obedience Training
7-11	4-H Camp
8	Dog Obedience Training
8	4-H Fair Preview Night for New Members
10	Fair Entries Due
12	Bike Rodeo
15	Horse Workshop
15	Dog Obedience Training
19	Technology Tour
20	Tri-County Horse Show
22	Dog Obedience Training
29	Horse Workshop
29	Dog Obedience Training
30	Public Presentations Contest
JULY	
3	Office Closed for Holiday
6	Horse Workshop
6	Dog Obedience Training
7	Clothing Judging
11	Mock Horse Show
13	Dog Obedience Training
15	4-H Day at HOI Fair
15	Beef Premiere Show
18	Fair Work Day
20	Project Check-In
21-23	4-H Fair
24-25	CCC Trip
28	Splashdown Swim Party
AUGUST	
14-23	Illinois State Fair
22	Woodford Co. at State Fair
29	State Fair Dog Show

Congratulations!

Fair Book Artists

Thank you to all of the artists who submitted designs for our Fair Book Cover Contest. We have some very creative and talented 4-H members! Winners include: First Place – Nichole Daugherty; Second Place – Kirk Streitmatter; Third Place – Morgan Rich; Fourth Place – Micaela Wiegand. Look for their award winning designs on the new fair books coming in April!

Window Display Contest Held

Congratulations on all of the outstanding window displays!

The top 3-dimensional winners were Riverview 4-H Club, first place; and Clover Patch Kids, second place. The top poster/bulletin board display was Eureka Sunshine. Other clubs participating included Clever Clovers, Deer Creek Go-Getters, and Eureka Teamsters.

Bowling Party

A small group of 4-H members and parents enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on February 7. Congratulations to Cody Wood (180) and Garrett Wood (109) for having high scores in their age groups. Door prizes were won by Randy Noe, Leslie Noll, and Nathan Wood.

4-H Newsletter Sent by Email

Thank you to all the 4-H members who have responded with their email addresses. We are significantly reducing the number of newsletters that are printed and mailed, thus saving money and trees.

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.

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. We have Austria during March. Several clubs have already scheduled to use the kit. Call the Extension office to sign up!

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4-H Trophy Sponsors

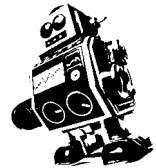
Each year trophy donors are needed for the 4-H Fair. Each trophy (plaque) needs a \$25 sponsor. If your family or your 4-H club has not donated in the past, but would like to, please call the Extension office. Past donors will be receiving a letter in April.

Robotics Workshop

If you are enrolled in the Robotics project, or if you are thinking about it and would like to know a little more, then plan to attend the Robotics Workshop on **Saturday, March 28** from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Farm Bureau Building Auditorium, Eureka.

Four members of the Clover Patch Kids 4-H Club competed at the Regional Lego League event in December and the State event in January. They are planning a demonstration and hands-on activities for anyone interested in learning more about the Robotics project.

Please register for the workshop online or by calling the Extension office by March 23.



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.

Record Keeping Workshop

Keeping good records is important for new and experienced 4-H members alike. Keeping neat, accurate records is a skill that you will find necessary throughout your lifetime.

Although it can seem intimidating, keeping neat, accurate records and completing award applications can be a snap! Are you interested in learning how to complete 4-H records or an award application? Do you want to receive the recognition you deserve? Wouldn't it be neat to win a county, state or national award for your achievement in 4-H?

If so, plan to attend the Record Keeping Workshop on **Thursday, April 23** at 7:00 pm at the Extension office. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with the 4-H member.

Please register for the workshop online or by calling the Extension office by April 15.

Dog Care Workshop Rescheduled

The Dog Care Workshop originally scheduled for April 25 has been changed to Saturday, May 2 from 10-12. Sorry for any inconvenience.

FAIR BOOK CHANGE: PLEASE NOTE: TO ALLEVIATE STRESS AT THE FAIR THIS YEAR ALL VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATION PAPERS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO YOUR FAIR ENROLLMENT FORM. FAIR ENROLLMENT FORMS WILL BE DUE ON JUNE 10, 2009. SO...THINK AHEAD!

WE WILL NOT BE CHECKING PAPERS DURING CHECK-IN AT FAIR.

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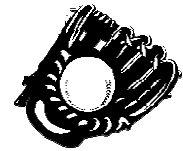


4-H Fish Camp

April 25-26 - Fishing at its best. This fun filled weekend event, for adults and children, is packed with fishing action and instructional workshops for the beginning or intermediate fishing enthusiast. Learn to catch fish in the camp's 16-acre fishing paradise. Campers will be given lessons on fishing tips, bait, knots, gear, boating, fish behavior, fisheries management, and caring for your catch. The cost is \$39 per person. Don't let this one get away! You may register by calling the 4-H Memorial Camp office at 217-762-2741.

4-H Day with the Cardinals

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni are gathering Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Busch Stadium in St. Louis for the eighth annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals are playing the cross-state rival Kansas City Royals in a 12:10 p.m. game. Tickets for the game are \$21.00 each which includes a specially designed T-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.



4-H members and their leader who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the Extension Office. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 13, 2009.

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 is available at the Extension office or on our website at www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford. 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.

Farm Tractor and Machinery Safety Certification

The Child Labor Act prohibits hiring youth less than 16 years of age in certain jobs which are considered hazardous. Farming is considered one of those jobs. Children may work on their parent's farm without violating this law; however, if a child under 16 is hired to work on someone else's farm they are in violation unless they are trained and certified.

Woodford County Extension in cooperation with Woodford County Farm Bureau will be offering this training and certification for youth ages 14-16. Training will be held on June 16, 17 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and June 18, 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Woodford County Farm Bureau Building.

There is a \$25 fee to cover the cost of the materials and lunch on June 18 & 19. Please call the Extension office (467-3789) by June 12 to register.

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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.

4-H Fair Entry Date

Leaders will be distributing the 4-H Fair Books during April. The book contains all of the information you need to exhibit your projects at the Fair. Be sure to read carefully for changes in exhibit requirements!! **All entries must be brought to the office by 4:30 p.m. or postmarked by June 10.**

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.

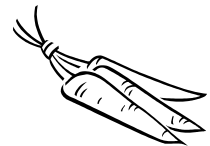
If you are confused, contact the Extension office before April 1.

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 Agriculture Scholarship Program

Ten \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded annually to Illinois high school seniors who plan to enroll as full-time students (two-year or four-year college) in agriculture or agriculture-related studies and be committed to pursuing a career in these areas. This scholarship is sponsored by the State Treasurer's Office. Applications are available at the Extension office or at www.treasurer.il.gov. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before May 14, 2009.

Places to Go! Things to Do!



Goat Workshop

The 4-H Goat committee will be hosting a workshop on **Saturday, April 18** from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Farm Bureau Park. Topics include: Fair Book changes, Parade of Breeds (Dairy, Meat, Miniature), Goat Health (nutrition, de-worming, hoof trimming), Showing Goats (fitting, grooming, showmanship), Working Goats – Driving (overview of equipment, demonstration of driving class, training methods, hands-on participation – learn how to drive), Preparing for the Fair, Fair Check-In Process, and Question & Answer Session. **Do not bring your goats.** Please register for the workshop online or by calling the Extension office by April 13.



Rabbit Workshop From the Head Hoppers...

A little change of the normal for our rabbit exhibitors this year. We will be hosting only one spring workshop. It will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building Auditorium. **Do not bring your rabbits.**

We will be covering brand new and interesting rabbit facts. We promise that you will learn something about rabbits that you never knew before. Individual breeds will be discussed. Please tell the 4-H office your rabbits breeds when you register. This workshop is geared for those in the general rabbit area, but those in My Pet Rabbit are welcome. There will be a special My Pet Rabbit workshop held in July. That date will be announced later. We encourage all rabbit exhibitors to attend this workshop. Please call the Woodford County Extension office by April 15, with your reservation or register online at www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford. We are looking forward to seeing all of the rabbit exhibitors at this April 18th workshop.

The Illinois Rabbit Breeders Association spring show will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington, Illinois the weekend of March 28 and 29. If you have not gotten rabbits for your project, this would be a good place to shop before the deadline of April 1, 2009.

May all nest boxes be filled with live healthy kits,
Charlotte and Kathy

Age Requirements and Enrollment Deadlines

Youth who are 8 years of age or in the third grade and have not reached their 19th 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.

4-H Livestock News

Major Fair Changes for Livestock at the Woodford County Fair

Beef

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

Goats

Two entries will be allowed for each class.

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

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

My Pet Goat class added.

Poultry

There will be new Bantams classes added including a Cockerel Class, Pullet Class and a Pen Class. We have also added classes for a Fancy Pullet, Fancy Cockerel and a Pen of Fancies. A carcass class has been added again.

Rabbits

Adding a Rabbit Knowledge Olympics.

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

Carcass Class – may enter up to three (3) rabbits.

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 or gilts). Could be 2 barrows, 2 gilts or 1 barrow & 1 gilt.

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/>.

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

Horse Workshops

The Woodford County 4-H Horse Committee will be hosting several workshops to assist 4-Hers enrolled in a horse project. Workshops will be taught by committee members as well as trainers/judges from outside the county. Bring your horse to all of the workshops. If you are not able to bring your horse to the workshops, you are still welcome to come and watch but there will be . You must complete the registration form and return it to the Extension office by April 1. Registration fee: \$5 per workshop or \$20 for four or more. **If a workshop has to be cancelled due to weather conditions, we will only notify 4-H members who have registered for the workshop.**

*All workshops will be at the Farm Bureau Park Horse Arena! **GATE WILL OPEN 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP.***

Saturday, April 11	9:00 am-Noon	Showmanship & Attire
Saturday, April 25	9:00 am-Noon	Horsemanship & Pleasure
Saturday, May 9	9:00 am-Noon	Trail
Saturday, May 23	9:00 am-Noon	Hunt Seat & Equitation
Monday, June 1	6:00-8:00 pm	Showmanship & Attire
Monday, June 15	6:00-8:00 pm	Horsemanship & Pleasure
Monday, June 29	6:00-8:00 pm	Jumping
Monday, July 6	6:00-8:00 pm	Grooming & Tack
Saturday, July 11	9:00 am	Mock Show

(Lunch will not be provided at the Mock Show – you may want to pack a lunch)

HORSE WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE APRIL 1

Name _____ Age _____

Club _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

I plan to attend the following workshops:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, April 11 | Showmanship & Attire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, April 25 | Horsemanship & Pleasure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, May 9 | Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, May 23 | Hunt Seat & Equitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 1 | Showmanship & Attire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 15 | Horsemanship & Pleasure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 29 | Jumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, July 6 | Grooming & Tack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, July 11 | Mock Show |

Number of Workshops _____ X \$5 = \$ _____

OR

Attend as many as you would like for \$20

Make checks payable to U of I Extension

Return registration form and fee to:
University of Illinois Extension Woodford County
117 W. Center, PO Box 162, Eureka, IL 61530

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.

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

April 25 – Marshall-Putnam 4-H & Section 5 FFA at Fairgrounds in Henry (Livestock & Dairy)

Southdown Breeders Sponsor Lamb Contest

The Illinois Southdown Sheep Breeders Association is sponsoring its 16th annual essay contest and will be awarding a Southdown ewe lamb to the winner. The contest is open to Illinois 4-H or FFA members under the age of 16 and not currently raising Southdown sheep. The lamb, registered in the winners' name, will come from one of the quality Southdown flocks maintained in Illinois and have a \$150-\$250 value. The lamb will be presented to the essay winner at the Annual Illinois Southdown Experience held in Eureka, Illinois in June.

Southdowns are a popular 4-H and FFA project because of their pleasant disposition and ability to be kept on small acreage. In recent years their increased size and leanness has made them attractive to the commercial breeder. They continue to be an ideal sheep for a youth project, small farm flock or hobby. In past contests lambs have been donated by Kurt Shattuck, Keith Carson, Kenneth Clayton, Mark & Amy Johnson, Mike & Shirley McElvain, Gale Cole, Jami Meisenheimer-Bowman, Dave Fruendt, Mike Miller, the Jim Davis family and Brad & Rhonda Baer.

The essay should describe why the contestant would like a Southdown ewe lamb, future plans for the lamb and how they will care for it. Essays will be judged on their content and age appropriateness. Entries should be sent to Betsy Meisenheimer, 5734 Palmyra Rd, Palmyra, IL 62674 by May 1, 2009. Please include the entrants name, address, phone number, age and 4-H club or FFA chapter name.

Questions concerning the contest should be directed to Betsy Meisenheimer, Palmyra, IL, 217-436-2195 or meisen5@dtnspeed.net.

Illinois State Fair Lamb Tattoo & Weigh-In Locations

Area locations for 4-H and FFA members to weigh lambs that will be shown at the State Fair:

Interstate Center, Bloomington – April 18 (9:00-Noon) and May 9 (9:00-Noon)

State Fairgrounds, Springfield – April 25 (9:00-Noon), and May 9 (9:00-Noon)

Lambs will also be tagged with electronic ID tags. Cost of tags are \$2 each. Checks should be made payable to University of Illinois.

Happy Spring!

4-H Livestock News

Pork Quality Assurance Required for Swine Exhibitors

Just a reminder for 4-H members planning to exhibit swine projects at the Woodford County 4-H Fair or the Illinois State Fair that you must attend the Pork Quality Assurance Training. Swine project members received details in the mail. If for some reason you did not get this information, please call the Extension office! This training must be completed yearly.



Training will be offered at the Extension Office in Eureka on Thursday, March 26. Training will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Please call the Extension office (467-3789) to sign up or visit our website at www.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford. If you are unable to attend on March 26 we will help you locate training in a neighboring county.

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.**

Horse Shows

Tri-county 4-H Fun Show – June 20 – Farm Bureau Park, Eureka

CIRTS Benefit Horse Show – May 2 – Rawlings Arena, Delavan

State Jr. Horse Show – July 28-Aug. 2 – Springfield

Flag Ceremony: Any 4-H member interested in participating in the Flag Ceremony at the Woodford 4-H Fair should contact Horse Superintendent, Sandy Pentecost at 383-2705.

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 is available now.

The URL for the site is <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

Livestock Registration Guidelines

WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H FAIR

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.

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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