2010 Nebraska State Fair

Department F – Grass, Forb, Crop and Weed Identification Contest

Division 500

Superintendents – Mark Bernards

General Rules:

- Participant Eligibility:
  - Participant must be 10 years old on January 1, 2010.
  - Contestants must be 4-H members at the time of the contest.
  - Contestant eligibility will be verified by county extension staff.
  - Past high point individuals (i.e., Gold Medal Winners) may compete for individual and/or team honors.
- Participants are required to pay a non-refundable fee of $5/person.
- Participants will be notified of the location of the contest prior to State Fair.
- General rules from the 4-H section of the Nebraska State Fair apply.

Age Divisions:

F500016 Intermediate: 4-H'ers must be 10-13 by January 1, 2010
F500015 Senior: 4-H'ers must be 14-18 by January 1, 2010

Contest Guidelines:

- Participants may enter as an individual and as members of a team. A team consists of 3 to 4 individuals with the total scores of the three high individuals making the team score. Membership of the team must be designated if team competition is intended.
- A team will compete at the level of the oldest team member, e.g., if a member of a team is in the Senior division, the team will compete in the Senior division, even if some members of the team are in the Intermediate division.
- Individuals compete according to their age.
- Contestants will be required to identify the plant specimens by accepted common name as defined by the "Grass, Forb, Weed, Crop ID List."
  - Two points will be possible for each specimen.
  - Specimens will consist of a minimum of leaves and stem, but may also include flowers, seed, or roots structures.
  - The first 35 specimens will be exclusive to the Junior/Intermediate division list. The last 25 specimens will come from either the Junior/Intermediate or the Senior Division lists.

Contest Resources:

4-H Grass, Forb, Crop and Weed ID List (*PDF File*)

All grass and weed plants on the list are described in either the Weeds of the Great Plains (published by Nebraska Department of Agriculture, (402) 471-2394, Cost: $25.00) or in Common Grasses of Nebraska, EC170, (published by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu, Cost: $5.00). There is not currently a crop identification guide available.

State 4-H Grass, Forb, Crop and Weed Identification Contest Awards:

Individual:

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top 3 individuals in each division of the State 4-H Grass, Forb, Crop and Weed Identification contest.
- Placing ribbons will be awarded to the top 10 individuals in each dividion of the State 4-H Grass, Forb, Crop and Weed Identification contest.

Team:

- Ribbons will be awarded to each team member of the 1st and 2nd place teams.