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QUALITY ASSURANCE CONT….

- Youth have the option of taking the On-line Modules anywhere that they have internet access - home, library, UNL Extension Office, etc.
- To assist with the QA Certification – ON-LINE MODULES - of Dodge County 4-H members and FFA students, the UNL Extension in Dodge County Office will establish a computer lab that will be accessible to our livestock 4-H members and FFA students that do not have access to a computer or choose to take the On-line Modules at the UNL Extension Office.
- ***If planning to complete the On-line Module option at the UNL Extension Office, please notify us at least one day prior to the day you plan to come into the office. Computer access will be limited, so be sure you make your reservations! The UNL Extension in Dodge County phone number is 402-727-2775.***
- Each youth (member of the family) will need their own unique e-mail address to register for the On-line Modules. If you have more than one family member taking the On-line Modules and only one email address, you will need to first register for a free email account from any of the following providers:
  - Gmail http://mail.google.com
  - Hotmail http://www.hotmail.com
  - iCloud http://www.icloud.com (Apple/Mac users)
- In addition, each youth will have an ID number (county exhibitor number – i.e. DOD1234) that is unique to them. They will need the ID number to register for the On-line Modules. This number is available from the UNL Extension, 402-727-2775.
- For details on how to register and proceed with the on-line training, go to: http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance

TO LEARN MORE . . .

- 4-H and FFA livestock project leaders and parents are encouraged to register and take the On-line Modules. When registering and editing your profile, use the word "Leader" in place of the county ID number (DODLeader).
- 4-H clubs or FFA chapters could meet at a location like a library, school, or computer lab and go through the new QA On-line Modules together. Each youth will need access to a computer. They could work individually and the 4-H leader or FFA advisor could be the site monitor to help answer any questions that might arise.
- To learn more about livestock projects, youth are encouraged to take additional courses. To do so, click the "All courses" link at the bottom of your "My courses" section, browse under the "Agriculture & Animals" title.

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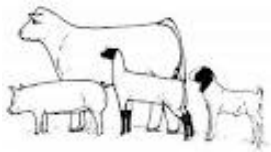
- To learn more about other 4-H project areas, youth are encouraged to take additional courses. To do so, click the "All courses" link at the bottom of your "My courses" section, click the "4-H & Youth" link listed under the "Home & Family" section title.

DODGE COUNTY 4-H FAMILY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The Dodge County 4-H Council is hosting their annual 4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest.

DATE:	Wednesday, June 20, 2012
LOCATION:	**Masonic Home for Children, Fremont**
TIME:	Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Contest starts at 7:00 p.m.
DIVISIONS:	- Clover Kids: 5-7 years old and younger on Jan 1 of current year - Junior: 8-11 years old on Jan 1 of current year - Intermediate: 12-14 years old on Jan 1 of current year - Senior: 15-18 years old on Jan 1 of current year - Adult: 19 years and older on Jan 1 of current year
TEAMS:	Teams will consist of three or more immediate family members. Team total scores will consist of the top/highest three scores from each family team.
AWARDS:	Ribbons will be awarded to all individuals. Special prizes will be awarded to the top individuals and top family teams.

The invitation is extended to all the Dodge County and surrounding counties' 4-H families. This is an awesome opportunity to encourage inter-generational activity within the 4-H program. Everyone is welcome to take part in this family event! Special thanks is extended to the Dodge County 4-H Council who serve as event superintendents. If you have livestock that can be utilized for the contest or you want to donate prizes, contact the UNL Extension Office at 402-727-2775. This is a contest you won't want to miss!



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Livestock Identification Requirements

All 4-H members exhibiting breeding heifers, feeder calves, bucket calves, market lambs, breeding sheep, market swine, dairy cattle, goats (dairy, pygmy, meat), and rabbits are required to have their livestock projects properly 4-H identified according to the state and county 4-H program guidelines. Regardless of 4-H livestock project, the deadline to complete the 4-H livestock identification process is JUNE 15. ***Any 4-H livestock identified AFTER the JUNE 15 deadline will be INELIGIBLE*** to exhibit in the 2012 livestock shows (Fremont 4-H Fair, Dodge County Fair, Nebraska State Fair 4-H Shows, and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition). For identification sheets, go to: http://dodge.unl.edu/web/dodge/projects.

DEADLINE: All tagging, tattooing, ear notching and DNA sampling MUST be completed by the deadline date. In other words, 4-H livestock projects are NOT to be tagged, tattooed, ear notched and/or DNA sampled AFTER the deadline date. These procedures are to be completed by the set deadline. In addition, ALL paperwork MUST be submitted to the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County Office by the same deadline.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

When identifying your 4-H project animals, keep in mind of the "Animal Ownership" requirement listed on the back side of the ID sheets for beef, feeder calf/bucket calf, sheep, and swine projects.

All beef, sheep and swine project animals must be owned:

(a) solely by the 4-H exhibitor, or

(b) the exhibitor in partnership with other member(s) of his or her immediate family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers, sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household.

By signing the ownership affidavit (ID sheet), both the exhibitor and parent are confirming that the animal is in ownership compliance according to the "Animal Ownership" guidelines.

County Bred and Fed Market Steer Affidavits

The Dodge County Fair has a "County Bred & Fed Market Steer" class. 4-H and FFA members that plan to enter/exhibit their "County Bred & Fed" market steers in this class are required to complete the affidavit and submit it to the Extension Office by **JUNE 15**. Keep in mind that these market steers are not required to enter/exhibit in the "County Bred & Fed Market Steer" class. However, by submitting a completed affidavit it gives the members an options to exhibit in this class. In addition, a market steer may be entered/exhibited in only ONE steer class at the Dodge County Fair.

Bucket Calf Record Books

The NEW 2012 Bucket Calf Record Books for first and second year Bucket Calf projects can be found on our UNL website at http://liferaydemo.unl.edu/web/dodge/projects. They are also available at the Extension Office.

Sheep & Goat Scrapie Tag Guideline

The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds. All female sheep and female goats exhibited at the Fremont 4-H Fair, Dodge County Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag).

- All female sheep AND goats exhibited at the 2012 shows will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female sheep AND goats are required to be tagged with proper identification prior to exhibiting. This applies to market ewes, breeding ewes and does, regardless of age.
- Wethers do not need the USDA identification.
- For more information, the National Institute for Animal Agriculture web site can be found at: http://www.eradicatescrapie.org/

MARKET LAMB TAGGING & DNA SAMPLING

All 4-H market lambs are required to be tagged, identified and DNA sampled by UNL Extension staff.

Because the QA Trainings will no longer be provided in Dodge County, there will be no specific dates set for market lamb identification. This year's identification process will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY and will continue to be at the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County. Currently several times during the week of June 4 and week of June 11 are available. Other dates and times may be available upon request.

Please contact the UNL Extension Office at 402-727-2775 to notify us of a date and time (between 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) you would like to tag and DNA sample your market lambs. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to schedule a tagging appointment with the UNL Extension staff BEFORE the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.

Remember that 4-H members will be charged a $1.00 fee for each Nebraska 4-H official tag used, $6 per head/sample for State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben DNA sampling.

NOTE: Market lamb identification and Quality Assurance Testing and/or On-line Modules Certification could be scheduled at the same time for your convenience.

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SWINE: Owner/Exhibitor to MARKET own Pigs

Selling to Hormel Foods Requirements - Owner/Exhibitor selling:

- Contact Hormel Foods 2-3 weeks prior to marketing hogs
- Present PQA Card/Certificate
- Premise Identification Letter/Certification
- COOL (Country of original labeling) verification
- Pigs will be tattooed on site as unloading occurs

UNL Extension will provide detailed information on the step by step procedure to marketing pigs to Hormel Foods and Wiechman Pig Inc. and mail to all 4-H and FFA members that have submitted a Market Swine ID Sheet by the JUNE 15 deadline.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - NE STATE FAIR & AK-SAR-BEN

MARKET LAMBS at NEBRASKA STATE FAIR & AK-SAR-BEN - DEADLINE: June 15

- 4-H market lambs nominated for (planning to enter/exhibit) the Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben are required to submit sealed and signed official envelopes with hair samples for DNA verification.
- Identification (tagging and hair samples) must be completed by UNL Extension staff and be completed by the JUNE 15 DEADLINE. At least one parent and/or the exhibitor must be present for DNA collection. If parents are absent a Parental Waiver Agreement must be completed and if the exhibitor/member is absent a Member Waiver Agreement must be completed and returned to the UNL Extension in Dodge County Office within 24 hours of sampling.
- DNA sampling per head/sample is $6 each. DNA envelopes will be forwarded to Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All market lambs nominated for the Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must have hair samples for DNA verification and must be identified with official 4-H ear tags and listed on form 4HF106: Market Beef and Market Lamb Ownership Affidavit. Market lambs nominated for State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must be indicated by checking the proper box on the left hand column of the ownership affidavit (id sheet).
- Exhibitors may nominate up to 20 market lambs for 4-H.

MARKET SWINE at NEBRASKA STATE FAIR & AK-SAR-BEN - DEADLINE: June 15

- 4-H market swine nominated for (planning to enter/exhibit) the Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben are required to submit sealed and signed official envelopes with hair samples for DNA verification to the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County by the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.
- At least one parent and/or the exhibitor must be present for DNA collection. If parents are absent a Parental Waiver Agreement must be completed and if the exhibitor/member is absent a Member Waiver Agreement must be completed and returned to the UNL Extension in Dodge County Office when DNA sample envelopes are submitted by the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.
- DNA sampling per head/sample is $6 each. DNA envelopes will be forwarded to Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All market swine nominated for the Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must have hair samples for DNA verification and must be identified with ear notches listed on form 4-H F107: Market Swine Ownership Affidavit. Market swine nominated for State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must be indicated by checking the proper box on the left side of the head/ears graphic of the ownership affidavit (id sheet).
- Exhibitors may nominate up to 40 market swine for 4-H.

FEEDER CALVES at AK-SAR-BEN - DEADLINE: June 15

- 4-H feeder calves nominated for (planning to enter/exhibit) Ak-Sar-Ben are required to submit sealed and signed official envelopes with hair samples for DNA verification to the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County by the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.
- At least one parent and/or the exhibitor must be present for DNA collection. If parents are absent a Parental Waiver Agreement must be completed and if the exhibitor/member is absent a Member Waiver Agreement must be completed and returned to the UNL Extension in Dodge County Office when DNA sample envelopes are submitted by the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.
- DNA sampling per head/sample is $5 each. DNA envelopes will be forwarded to Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All feeder calves nominated for Ak-Sar-Ben must have hair samples for DNA verification and must be identified with official 4-H ear tags and listed on form 4-H F110: Feeder Calf and Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit. Feeder calves nominated for Ak-Sar-Ben must be indicated by checking the proper box on the left hand column of the ownership affidavit (id sheet).
- A maximum of SIX feeder calves (per 4-H exhibitor) may be identified for Ak-Sar-Ben. In addition, a maximum of 20 head TOTAL may be identified.

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2012 Nebraska State Fair Schedule

For the most current 4-H information, go to: http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefair

Nebraska Elite Showmanship Competition

- The 2012 Nebraska State Fair is right around the corner and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture is pleased to host the 7th annual Nebraska Elite Showman Competition at this year's fair.
- The Elite Showman Competition is similar to a "Round Robin" contest, where participants will demonstrate their beef, swine and sheep showmanship skills as well as take a written test and be interviewed in the ring about the livestock industry. The day-long event will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2012 (9:15 a.m. check-in and 7:00 a.m. awards ceremony) at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island.
- The contest is open to both 4-H and FFA competitors; however there may be only one exhibitor per county. ***The Dodge County representative will be selected during the Dodge County Fair. Senior Showmanship winners from the beef, sheep and swine shows will be placed in a lottery system and the 4-H/FFA member chosen will represent Dodge County.*** If only one of the three showmanship champions is interested, that person will serve as the representative. If all three of the showmanship champions decline the opportunity, the reserve champions will be notified and selected using a lottery system. If all of the champions and reserve champions decline the opportunity, there could possibly be a lottery system for all others interested.
- The Elite Showman Competition contestants will each receive a t-shirt and at least a $50 prize. $300 will be awarded to the top scorer in each of the following divisions: beef, swine, sheep, written test and interview. Nebraska's Elite Showman will be awarded at least a $2,000 prize, with $1,000 and $500 prizes awarded to the second and third place competitors respectively.
- For more detailed information about the Elite Showman Competition Schedule of Events, Entry Rules and Schedule, go to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website at http://www.agr.state.ne.us/showman/index.html
- This competition is held during the Nebraska State Fair with one entry per county. Entries are made by the county in August to Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest

The 2012 State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest will take place on **Saturday, August 25, 2012** in the Livestock Arena at the Nebraska State Fair. The 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be divided into the following age divisions for the 4-H contestants:

- Junior/Intermediate: Contestants are 10 - 13 years old as of January 1 of the current year.
- Senior: Contestants are 14 – 18 years old as of January 1 of the current year.

For additional details on this 4-H and FFA joint effort, refer to the 2012 Nebraska State 4-H Fairbook at: http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairbook. For additional questions about the contest, contact Tracy J. Behnken at 402-727-2775.

PASE/Life Challenge

PASE Registrations Due Monday, June 4, 2012

PASE (Premier Animal Science Event) is a two-day event held Monday, June 25-Tuesday June 26 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus in Lincoln. The event offers a fun and educational environment, mixed with competition and a change to excel and be recognized. Participants will have a chance to attend educational workshops and competitive events to learn about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Department and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Teens compete in a variety of different contests including: livestock, meats and poultry judging, livestock skillathon, livestock quiz bowl, life challenges and clover challenge. While on campus, young people have the opportunity to take part in faculty-led workshops, campus tours, and special sessions by UNL recruiters.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

If you are a 4-Her interested in coming OR if you are an adult or younger youth that is interested in attending the workshops, please contact the UNL Extension Office **ASAP/NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JUNE 4**. For more detailed information, check out the following web site: http://pase.unl.edu/

PASE
Premier Animal Science Event

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AK-SAR-BEN UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

AK-SAR-BEN 4-H Stock Show Dates

The 2012 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show has been scheduled for **September 27 - 30, 2012** at the Century Link Center in Downtown Omaha. The Horse Show will be held **September 15 - 16, 2012** at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. Please visit the website at http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show often as there will be continuous updates throughout the spring and summer months.

Market Broilers Available For AK-SAR-BEN

4-H'ers wishing to participate in the Market Broiler show must order birds by JUNE 25 from the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County. Order forms are available from the UNL Extension Office. 4-H'ers are allowed to enter up to two pens of five birds. Limit 50 birds per family member (birds will all be males). Birds may be shared by families or by county groups 50 birds. All market broilers must be entered on this same form. The entry fee ($11 per pen) and the market broiler fees ($68 for 50 birds) must be paid by JUNE 25. For more detailed information, contact the Extension Office or go to: http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show/market-broilers

AK-SAR-BEN 4-H Stock Show Opportunities & Awards

- The Stock Show will be hosting a **4-H Public Speaking Contest** on Saturday, September 29. Participants will be asked to speak on agriculture or 4-H topics. For more information, go to: http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show/contests-programs/4-h-public-speaking
- Ak-Sar-Ben will be hosting a **4-H Rabbit Show** open to all Nebraska 4-H members who meet Ak-Sar-Ben eligibility requirements. The rabbit show will be held Saturday, September 29. For more information, go to: http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show/rabbits
- **Market Beef Show:** Ak-Sar-Ben will be presenting **cash awards** based on Market Beef Performance (Rate of Gain) and the Catch-a-Calf program has been re-named to the Calf Challenge. Those interested in applying for the 2013 Calf Challenge program should go to; http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show/contests-programs/calf-challenge
- Ak-Sar-Ben Horatio Alger Scholarship Program – 50 scholarships awarded at $6,000 each. For more information and application go to http://horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_AkSarBen.cfm. Due **October 15, 2012**.

AK-SAR-BEN REMINDERS

- Please be sure to review the **Ak-Sar-Ben Health Requirements** for animals as changes have been made. Go to http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show then identify the species located on the "Stock Show" tab, then go to the premium book then to "2012 Health Requirements".
- **Programs/Contests**: Don't forget to take advantage of all the programs and contests Ak-Sar-Ben has to offer. Lamb Challenge, Calf Challenge, Premier Exhibitor, Quiz Bowl, Livestock Judging Contest, Public Speaking, Cattle Grooming. Visit www.rivercityrodeo.com à Stock Show à Contest and Programs
- Want even more information about Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Rodeo & Stock Show? Join them online by going to their website at http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/home

Ak-Sar-Ben is Committed to the 4-H Livestock Show

Ak-Sar-Ben is working towards their $2,000,000 endowment campaign to help pay for future livestock show expenses. 4-H Councils, 4-H Families, local donors and past exhibitors can help by contributing. The amount that you give not as important as the fact that you gave something, which lends great support for Ak-Sar-Ben to capture large donors.

This is an important effort for the future of the livestock show. If you would like to make a donation, make your check payable to Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Endowment. Send donations to: Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Expo, 302 S. 36th Street, Suite 800, Omaha NE 68131. Small gifts can make a big difference to the future of Ak-Sar-Ben.

4-H Livestock Progress Shows

There are many shows coming up at this time of the year. If you are interested in competing in any 4-H livestock progress shows, the UNL Extension Office will be posting the show fliers on the UNL Extension Dodge County's website under the 4-H Program. Heidi is doing her best to post current information of area livestock events/shows as we receive them. For the show and event information, go to: http://dodge.unl.edu/progressshows. Please check the site regularly for the latest information.

2012 Dodge County 4-H Horse Information

The information for the 2012 4-H Horse Program can be found on our website at http://liferaydemo.unl.edu/web/dodge/projects. The website is where all the entry forms and necessary documents can be found for the year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the office.

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2012 DODGE COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES

4-H Horse Project Members ENTERING STATE & DISTRICT HORSE SHOWS

May 11 4-H Member Enrollments & Fees ($15) **DEADLINE** by office closing
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

May 11 4-H Horse Identification Sheets **DEADLINE** by office closing
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

May 11 4-H Horse Advancement Levels **DEADLINE** by office closing
Tests I & II FOR District 4-H Horse Show
Tests III & IV FOR State 4-H Horse Expo
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

May 11 District/State 4-H Horse Show Entries/Fees **DEADLINE** by office closing
District Event/Dodge County Assigned: June 14, Lincoln
State 4-H Horse Expo: July 16 - 19, 2012 - Fonner Park, Grand Island
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

4-H Horse Project Members NOT ENTERING STATE & DISTRICT HORSE SHOWS

June 1 4-H Member Enrollments & Fees ($20) **DEADLINE** by office closing

June 1 4-H Horse Identification Sheets **DEADLINE** by office closing
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

June 1 4-H Horse Advancement Levels **DEADLINE** by office closing
Tests I, II & III FOR Fremont 4-H Fair
Tests I, II & III FOR Dodge County Fair (Level I is required to ride at the Dodge County Fair.)
Tests III FOR Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock 4-H Expo
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

4-H Horse Project Members - GENERAL INFORMATION

May 1 4-H Member Enrollments & Fees ($10) DUE by office closing

May 2-15 4-H Member Enrollments & Fees ($15) DUE by office closing

May 16-June 1 4-H Member Enrollments & Fees ($20) DUE by office closing

June 4 State 4-H Horse Exposition Horse Judging and Hippology Contest Entries DUE
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

June 14 District 4-H Horse Show AT Lincoln
COUNTY ENTRIES DUE: MAY 11 to UNL Extension Office in Dodge County
CONTACT: UNL Extension Office in Dodge County at (402) 727-2775

June 15 4-H Volunteer Enrollment & Volunteer Screening Forms by office closing
(REQUIRED for ALL current and new Dodge County 4-H leaders)
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

July 11 Fremont 4-H Fair Horse Show AT Christensen Field, Fremont

July 16-19 State 4-H Horse Exposition AT Fonner Park, Grand Island
COUNTY ENTRIES DUE: MAY 11 to UNL Extension Office in Dodge County
CONTACT: UNL Extension Office in Dodge County at (402) 727-2775

Aug 2 Dodge County 4-H Horse Show AT Dodge County Fairgrounds, Scribner, NE

Aug 13 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition Horse Show Entries & Fees DUE by office closing
FOR MORE INFORMATION: http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show/horses
TO UNL Extension Office in Dodge County - Fremont, NE

Sept 15 & 16 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition Horse Show AT Lancaster County Event Center, Lincoln

Oct 12-14 2012 Nebraska 4-H Foundation Trail
AT Nebraska State 4-H Camp & Nebraska National Forest, Halsey, Nebraska
CONTACT: UNL Extension in Dodge County Office / PH: (402) 727-2775

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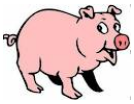
Market Broilers for Dodge County Fair

4-H or FFA members (ages 8-18 on January 1, 2012) who are interested in raising and exhibiting commercial market broilers at the Dodge County Fair are in luck. A Commercial Broiler Pen of Three is to be six to eight weeks of age. Only exhibitors who ordered/purchased chicks through the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County are eligible for this class. Exhibitors will show a pen of three selected from the 25 or more birds purchased/received. To order your market broilers, contact the office at 402-727-2775 before **MAY 15, 2012** by 4:30 p.m. There is a minimum order of 25 and each broiler chick costs $0.96. Market broiler chick pick-up will be on **JUNE 21, 2012** by 4:30 p.m.

USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service "KEEPING YOUR BIRDS HEALTHY"

If you own poultry or pet birds, you are responsible for protesting them against disease. By taking three simple steps, you can reduce the risk of disease-causing germs going to or coming form you farm or home. Understanding the importance of these steps can help you avoid spreading disease among poultry and livestock.
For detailed information, go to:
http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov



Proper Way To Ear Notch Pigs

One basic task involved in the 4-H Swine Project that continually challenges many 4-H members, leaders and parents is properly ear notching project pigs. While for some this is a matter-of-fact task, others have great difficulty understanding the purpose or practice of notching. Use this guide as a reference for conducting training sessions. Ear notching provides: (1) A permanent, inexpensive identification system, and (2) Individual identity for all animals. A complete NebGuide can be found at:
http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/live/g1880/build/g1880.pdf

UNL Husker Beef Lab & Livestock Clinic

Seward County will be hosting the UNL Husker Beef Lab along with Livestock Grooming & Showmanship Sessions on **Tuesday, July 17** at 6:00 p.m. at the Seward County Fairgrounds. All youth are welcome to participate. Youth will also have the opportunity to choose from up to three grooming & showmanship sessions for beef, sheep, swine, goat and dairy. The cost is $5. Members may register at http://dodge.unl.edu/progressshows by filling out the permission form and sending it along with the fee to the Extension Office in Seward County by **July 10**.

2012 UNL Judging Clinics and Contests

The 2012 Clinics will be held on May 19 in Hemingford, May 23 in North Platte, May 24 in Bladen and May 25 in Lincoln, NE. The livestock judging clinic/contest is designed for youth to improve basic livestock evaluation skills. The clinics are open to youth ages 8-18. For more information visit the youth livestock extension website at:
http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/youth.html

Want to do something AGciting this summer?

New this year, the South Central 4-H center will be hosting two summer camps focused on Nebraska's largest industry, Agriculture! AGciting Adventures Camp will focus on answering the challenging question of where our food comes from and why agriculture in Nebraska is so important. Animal Science 101: A Walk on the Animal Side Camp will explore the science of animals by thinking like a Veterinarian to learn how animals' bodies work. Of course there will be plenty of time for camp activities such as campfires, canoeing, fishing, swimming and the TRUST course!

Both camps will be held **June 13-15** at South Central 4-H Center located on the shores of the Harlan County Reservoir. Camps are open to all youth grades 3-5 and cost is $160 per camper. Please register by **June 1, 2012**. For more information about Animal Science 101: A walk on the Animal Side Camp or AG-citing Adventures Camp and to register visit 4h.unl.edu/camp or contact Jessie Bauman at 402-472-2854 or Jbauman4@unl.edu.

2012 Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo

The 2012 CCFL 4-H Dog Expo will be in Hastings, Nebraska on **October 13-14th** at the Adams County Fair Grounds. This event will start at 9:00 am on both days. Each day will offer new opportunities to learn more about your dog and how to work with it. Hands on clinics will teach you skills you can test out in the show ring with dog handling competitions. There will be educational workshops, hands-on clinics, and multiple show rings operating on both days, all provided in an indoor venue. Upcoming information about this clinic can be found by visiting companionanimal.unl.edu

UNL Companion Animal Facebook Fan Page

Make sure to "like" the UNL Companion Animal fan page on Facebook! This new resource will allow you to access articles and information regarding companion animal care. In addition, the fan page will feature a section dedicated to unique companion animal facts.You can access the UNL Companion Animal fan page directly by following this link: https://www.facebook.com/unlcompanionanimal

ANIMAL SCIENCE INFORMATION

BY JUNE 15 - IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

- 4-H Bucket Calves Tagged AND ID Sheets DUE
- 4-H Feeder Calves Tagged AND ID Sheets DUE
- 4-H Feeder Calves Entering Ak-Sar-Ben - DNA hair samples DUE
- 4-H Breeding Heifers Tattooed AND ID Sheets DUE
- 4-H Market Lambs Tagged AND ID Sheets DUE (tagged by Extension staff)
- 4-H Market Lambs Entering State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben (DNA hair sampling by Extension staff)
- 4-H Breeding Sheep Tagged AND ID Sheets DUE
- 4-H Market Swine Ear Notched (both ears) AND ID Sheets DUE
- 4-H Market Swine Entering State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben - DNA hair samples DUE
- 4-H Dairy Cattle Identification Sheets DUE
- 4-H Goats (Dairy & Pygmy) Identification Sheets DUE
- 4-H Rabbits Tattooed AND ID Sheets DUE
- Dodge County 4-H/FFA County Bred & Fed Market Steer Affidavit DUE
- Quality Assurance Trained/Tested for 4-H members exhibiting; Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Bucket Calves, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry

Animal Science Opportunity for Youth

Land O'Lakes Purina Feeds, Northwest Feed and Grain and WashCo Feed and Supply are excited to offer youth this opportunity. Every year, Land O'Lakes Purina Feeds hosts a special event, the Honor Show Chow VIP. During this event, some of the most elite and successful people in the livestock show industry are invited to the Purina Research Farm, in Gray Summit, MO, to share with you their ideas and methods for success.

Although attendance to this event is open by invitation only and extremely limited, we are offering this awesome learning opportunity to our area youth involved in 4-H. During the event, Purina Ambassadors will be sharing their techniques with live hands on demonstrations in their area of expertise. There will be demonstrations on all livestock species with opportunities to ask questions and gain first-hand advice from some of the best in the industry.

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Animal Science Opportunity Cont...

Every year, we will be sending **one 4-H member** from each of the following counties in Nebraska: Douglas, Sarpy, **Dodge**, Saunders, and Washington. Requirements of the program are as follows:

- Must be 15-17 in 4-H age at the time of application
- Must be able to attend VIP (June 11-13, 2012)
- Willing to submit in writing a proposed feeding program for the following year (2013)
- Willing to feed Honor Show Chow to a minimum of 1 animal the following year (2013)
- Willing to keep a "photo journal" of the animal during the feeding period
- Submit a final report with photos and knowledge gained during the experience

Travel arrangements and expenses (estimated to be $100-$150) will be the responsibility of the participant. Car-pooling with the other youth is a great possibility. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 11 and will be completed around 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 13. Please allow for travel time in your scheduling. Once in St. Louis, Purina will cover the cost of the seminar, hotel, and meals. Following the VIP, you will have the support of the area Purina Nutritional Specialists for questions and concerns regarding your project.

To print the application, go to: https://cdnmedia.endeavorsuite.com/images/organizations/73bc44f0a6764902987ae7b7bfb24c14/vipapplication.pdf?v=20110504125839

APPLICATIONS for Dodge County 4-H Member DUE to the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County BY MAY 11!

For more information about Honor Show Chow, please visit the website at http://www.honorshowchow.com/

For more information about the VIP program and requirements please contact Libby Michaud at lsmichaud@landolakes.com