

**4-H Leader
Years of Service**

2 Years of Service

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Animal Science Opportunities

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Equine News

The first issue of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Equine News will be mailed out to 4-H horse families, horse enthusiasts, horse association, club members, and extension offices. Nebraska Equine News provides current important educational information to equine audiences. In the future, this quarterly newsletter will be available only on the world wide web at <http://4h.unl.edu/equine>. This site will also include additional links and horse-related information, as well as a form to sign up to receive e-mail notices for new newsletter postings and timely communications. Topics highlighted in the first issue include: UNL Equine Science Option Programs, Extracurricular Collegiate Equine Opportunities, New DVD Resources for 4-H Families, UNL Horse Donation Program, Information for Prospective Students, and Salt Needs of Working Horses. Nebraska Equine News is a joint effort between the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Extension 4-H Youth Development, and the Department of Animal Science.

The Nebraska Horse Conference

The Nebraska Horse Conference is the second in the satellite conference series, Enhancing Career Opportunities for Nebraskans. Participants can look forward to commentary from producers, allied professionals and students from all facets of the Nebraska Horse Industry. Live information and question/answer sessions will be hosted by UNL faculty and staff. Student Prizes: \$500 CASNR Scholarship, Video iPod, and more!! Students must be present for both sessions to be eligible to win large prizes. Smaller prizes will also be given away during both sessions, and all conference participants are eligible to receive these items. When: November 6th and 27th, 2007 from 7:00-8:30pm Viewing Locations Via Satellite & Local Contacts: Chase Hall,

Lincoln (East Campus) Anita Ferrell: 402-472-0204 or afferrell2@unl.edu. Central Extension Office, Omaha (80th & Center) Monte Stauffer: 402-444-7804 or mstauffer1@unl.edu

NPPA Pork Industry Mentoring Program

The National Pork Producers Association (NPPA) is offering the NPPA Pork Industry Mentoring Program. The program is a year-long educational offering that creates opportunities for youth to further develop their leadership and communication skills through hands-on experiences—such as job shadowing and industry promotions. This program is customized to each person's individual interests. The participants will have the opportunity to learn about pork promotion, research and consumer information; examine the industry's future and his or her individual role; meet state and national leaders; take a closer look at industry challenges and become diverse agricultural advocates. The program is for individuals ages 18-24, as of January 1, exhibit an interest in the continual vitality of Nebraska's Pork Industry and capable to commit to the year-long program. Go to www.nepork.org for an application, the deadline for submissions are November 10, 2007 for the 2008 class.

My Horse University Web Programs

My Horse University is sponsoring free live web presentations given by experts in the field of equine studies. These interactive presentations can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home. The website to view the programs or to register is <http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/WebPresentation/index.html> The upcoming programs are November 13 Hay Selection 7 p.m. EDT, December 6 Developing a Breeding Program 7 p.m. EDT, February 2008 Reducing Risks on the Horse Farm (time to be announced).

Norfolk Livestock Classic

The Northeast Community College Livestock Judging Team will sponsor the 23rd Annual Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show on November 23 and 24, 2007. The show will be held at the Agriculture Complex at 2301 E. Benjamin Avenue in Norfolk. Registration will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 23. Blow and Show Showmanship will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 23 and the show will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 24. The pre-registration deadline is November 16, 2007, entry fees are \$15.00 per head. For complete details contact the Extension office or view the progress show information at <http://dodge.unl.edu/4H/countycontests/progressshows.htm>

Beef Weigh Day

The Dodge County Market Beef Weigh Day has been scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Masonic Home for Children in Fremont. To cover the costs of the ear tags, 4-H members will be charge \$1.00 per ear tag and \$6 per DNA hair samples (required for Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Expo). So don't forget to bring your money. In addition, FFA students need to bring official FFA tags that can be acquired through their FFA Advisors. If market beef are not weighed on February 2 in Fremont, they will be ineligible to participate in the Rate of Gain contest at the Dodge County Fair.

Ak-Sar-Ben Results on the Web

The results for the 2007 Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Expo are on the web at http://www.frnmedia.net/aksarben/ribbon_mgr_menu.asp

UPDATE for 2008 4-H Livestock Identification

In addition to the visual identification of market animals, hair samples for DNA will also be required at the State Fair in 2008. The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee made the decision (motion was passed) that *“Nebraska 4-H use DNA on all market animals, including beef, sheep, swine and meat goats for 2008. This applies for animals nominated for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.”*

The Nebraska 4-H program will cooperate with Ak-Sar-Ben using DNA identification. For one cost of \$6 per sample, each animal will be qualified for State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben. Ak-Sar-Ben will handle all samples in terms of sending out materials and receiving back envelopes and dollars, with no additional charge to Nebraska 4-H. In other words, hair samples for DNA must be taken and sent in for animals to be eligible to be exhibited at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, starting in 2008.



Family & Consumer Science Opportunities

Winter Project

Looking for a project this winter? Try Knitting or Crocheting! The UNL Extension in Dodge County has instructional booklets and a CD available for checking out. There are even instructions for hats, scarves, baby slippers, afghans and pullovers in the knitting booklet. The crochet booklet includes patterns for hat and scarf, cushion, baby afghan, lacy shawl, rug and much more. There is a CD “Crochet made easy” that teaches crocheting. The CD includes:

- Supplies that are needed
- 20 Patterns:
 - mug mats
 - potholders and placesettings
 - scarf and hats
 - towel edging
 - baby socks
 - bookmarks
 - scrunchies
 - wave and ripple afghans
 - snow flake
 - family pullover
 - child and woman's cardigans
 - square afghan
 - doily
 - heart pillow
- Lessons:
- Getting Started
 - Yarn Control and Yarn Over
 - Chain Stitch, Single, Double Crochet, Triple Crochet & Taller Stitches

Half Double Crochet

- Changing Colors
- Adding New Yarn
- Working in Rounds
- Weaving in Ends and Fastening off