

4-H AnSci Updates for 2009



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NEW IN 2009! State Fair Livestock Interview Process

In 2008, the swine and sheep project members exhibiting at the State Fair were offered an exciting opportunity as they participated in their livestock interviews. Combining the knowledge of experts in the industry, hands-on workshops on popular topics within the species area, and an interaction with technology through computer-based quizzes, 4-Hers learned more than ever before! Because of this success, the new interview process will be expanded to cover all species at the 2009 State Fair. The process will consist of:

- Age appropriate interactive workshops with industry experts
- A computer-based quiz following the session
- A one-on-one interview for those scoring in the top percentage on the quiz will be used to determine interview winners

State Fair Livestock Arrival Day and Times

NEW DEADLINE TIME FOR ARRIVAL!

All 4-H livestock must arrive Wednesday, August 26 between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- No livestock will be allowed on the grounds before 7:00 a.m. and must be on the grounds by 8 p.m.
- The 11 p.m. curfew WILL BE MAINTAINED for Wednesday evening

NEW IN 2009! The Dairy Showcase and Sheep Enhancement Event at the State Fair. Watch for information as it becomes available regarding these exciting new events!

NEW For swine project members. Premise ID numbers will be REQUIRED in 2009. Information or online registration of premises can be found at: <http://www.bah.state.mn.us/bah/nais/nais.html> or call (651)201-6816

Livestock Demonstrations

In 2009. The MN Livestock Breeders Association is providing \$30 cash awards to each 4-Her who complete a 4-H livestock demonstration during 4-H Livestock Weekend at the MN State Fair.

Clarification – ALL Livestock demonstrations must incorporate a live animal into the demonstration. Consult your local 4-H staff for details and start planning those exciting livestock demonstrations today!

Bovine Tuberculosis Information Update—current as of January 2009

- The 4-H system will be very similar to 2008. Papers will be collected at the gate.
- 60 day test is not negotiable. Watch for shows like Ak-Sar-Ben, Beef Expo, and World Dairy Expo.
- Cattle housed in Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin are allowed to be transported for exhibition into Minnesota with proper health certificates and identification. However, check with individual states regarding transportation back into the state of origin.
- State TB Hotlines: Iowa (515)281-5547; Minnesota 1-877-668-2373; North Dakota (701)328-2655; South Dakota (605)773-3321; Wisconsin (608)224-4872

Animal Ownership Rule #4 – Clarification – Who wins the trip, the child or the animal? Beef, sheep, goat, rabbit, swine, dairy and lama exhibits shown at the State Fair must be the same animal that won the trip at the county fair. The only exceptions are market swine whose county fair swine show date is more than three weeks (21 days) prior to the date of the 4-H market hog show or counties with terminal hog shows. These exceptions, as well as poultry and rabbit fryers, must be from the same flock or herd as those shown at county fair and identified by the animal ID deadline.



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Beef Updates

NEW The weigh-in time for Market Beef and Dairy Steers, and the ID time for Breeding Heifers, Cow/Calf, and Prospect Calves will be on Wednesday, August 26, from 2:00-8:00pm (Note: There will be NO Thursday morning weigh-in or ID time.)

- **To show in the registered breed classes, exhibitors must meet the registration requirements for that breed and present an ORIGINAL registration paper, including Spring Calf Breeding Heifers. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Registered Market Beef Classes include: Black Angus, Charalouis, Hereford, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, and Simmental. Original registration papers must be presented at verification where required. **Steers wishing to show in the registered class without an original registration paper can place no higher than a blue ribbon, cannot receive champion honors, cannot be in the Purple Ribbon Auction, and WILL NOT be moved to the crossbred steer division. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Cow/Calf Pairs will show in the commercial and registered breed divisions. Calves may be heifers, steers, or bull calves. If the calf in a cow/calf pair is not born by May 15, it should be noted on the ID form and the calf must be identified prior to the county fair.
- Prospect market calves and spring heifer calves must be born by April 30.
- Breeding Spring Heifer Calves do not need to be from a beef cow/calf project. The ID process is similar to Breeding Heifers.
- Prospect Market Calves do not need to be from a cow/calf project and must be ID'd with a 4-H ear tag by May 15. Prospect Market Calves may be under lease agreement.
- Embryo Transfer (ET) calves are eligible to show as prospect calves and spring calves, but not as cow/calf pairs.
- **Beef Color Rule: NEW Animals may be checked for artificial color ANYTIME at the Coliseum.** No artificial color will be used on 4-H Beef exhibits that is applied above the flank of the animal. Coloring materials are acceptable to be applied to the legs & hooves of the animal. ALL 4-H market beef exhibits will be checked for artificial color. Any animal that displays artificial color cannot receive a purple ribbon, be division champion or reserve, or qualify for the 4-H Auction.

Dairy Updates

- Total Merit is being handled differently at the MN State Fair since 2006. Winners will be named within each class and the Champion named at the end of the show.
- The NAIS tag is included as one of the acceptable forms of identification.

Goat Updates

- Showmanship will be mandatory. No hats, caps, or jewelry in the show ring.
- At the State Fair, Meat and Dairy Goats will be shown at the same time – two rings simultaneously.

Market Goats (Dairy and Meat):

NEW Market goats must have an official 4-H Ear Tag. Exception: Animals with gopher or elf ears must be tattooed with unique ID number in the tail web

NEW All market goats must be born by April 30th.

- Dairy market goats must be 100% dairy breed. Any other crosses will be shown in the Meat Market class.
- Market Goats must be disbudded with less than 1 inch re-growth. Market goats are to be completely clipped. It is optional to clip the legs from the knee in the front and the hock in the back, down to the hoof line. No bracing will be allowed in the State Fair show.
- Showmanship: White top with jeans is required as proper show attire.

Dairy Goat:

- Junior Doe Kids born on **April 1—June 30** may be added to the “Minnesota 4-H Dairy Goat Ownership Affidavit” (DGIDA) but must be added **by June 30**
- **For safety reasons, all dairy goats must be disbudded/de-horned. Re-growth of less than ONE INCH is allowed.**
- Showmanship: Wear the proper attire (all white **preferred** OR white shirt with black pants) when showing.

Meat Breeding Does:

- Horns are allowed, unless deemed harmful by the show committee. Meat breeding does must also be clipped for show.
- Classes offered are as follows: Junior Doe (April 1, 2009—May 15, 2009), Senior Doe (Jan. 1, 2009—March 31, 2009), and Yearling Doe (born in 2008 and never kidded).

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Poultry Updates

- Chicken BBQ Contest is open to any 4-Her, BUT pre-entry is required. A form will be in the State Fair packet.
- Egg production pen of two pullets will have two separate lots –one for white egg layers and one for brown egg layers.
- Pigeon project is a separate trip(s).
- Guineas may be shown. Pearl, White, or Lavender are eligible.

Rabbit Updates

- **Judging Contest Date and Time: Thursday, 8:30 am to 11:30 am, Open Class Sheep Arena (in Poultry Barn).**
- Rabbits must be owned and ID affidavits submitted to Extension Office by May 15 (Juniors born after May 15 are not eligible for State Fair).
- Fryers or meat pens may not be leased.
- Members must own the doe producing the fryers or meat pen by May 15th. Fryers and market pens must include a portion of the doe's tattoo in their individual tattoo.

Sheep Updates

NEW In 2009, there will be 3 divisions in the Fleece Show: long wool or hand spinning, meat breed, and wool type.

- **All market lambs must have a 4-H Ear Tag and a USDA Scrapie tag.**
- **All crossbred or commercial breeding ewes must have a 4-H Ear Tag as well as a Scrapie or NAIS tag (with unique serial number and individual number) by May 15th.**
- **All registered breeding ewes must have a second permanent form of ID, either tattoo, flock tag, or 4-H tag along with a Scrapie or NAIS tag (with unique serial number and individual number). Permanent ID must match registration paper.**
- All market lambs must meet all slaughter withdrawal times.
- In the market lamb show at State Fair, there will be divisions for black face, white face, and speckle lambs.

Swine Updates

NEW **Premise ID numbers will be REQUIRED in 2009.** Information can be found at: <http://www.bah.state.mn.us/bah/nais/nais.html> or call (651)201-6816

AGAIN in 2009 All State Fair participants marketing swine to Hormel will be required to submit a signed form at weigh-in regarding health records; stating medications and withdrawal times. This is the responsibility of each individual exhibitor.

Market gilts will again be shown at State Fair. Market gilts will show in uniform weight classes from light to heavy with no divisions. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilts will be in the auction, along with a percentage of total market gilts shown.

2009 Minnesota 4-H Swine ID System

- **4-H families are allowed to do their own tagging. Tags should be recorded and audited.**
- **All hogs must have notches in both ears. No two hogs on an individual or family affidavit can have the same ear notch if they are not a different sex or have different markings.**

Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics

- Youth certification dates for counties around the state can be found at: <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience/LQA&ETTrainingDates.html>
- All youth participating as a State Fair livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, goat, lama, poultry, rabbit, sheep, or swine AND all regular 4-H county fair swine exhibitors must have completed a LQA&E workshop.
- Certification is valid for three fair seasons.

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LAMA Updates

- Llamas and Alpacas are eligible to be identified as Minnesota 4-H Lama projects. Projects do not need to be purebred or registered.
- 4-H Lama projects must be born prior to January 1, 2009.
- Multiple Use of the Lama: A lama may be identified and exhibited by more than one 4-Her at the county level. However, the same lama may only be exhibited by one 4-Her at the MN State Fair.
- No sexually intact male above 18 months is eligible for exhibition. All castrated males born prior to January 1, 2009 are eligible for exhibition. All females born prior to January 1, 2009 are eligible for exhibition as well.

Recommended Classes for County Lama Program

It is recommended that 4-H lama programs offer classes that will be offered at the State Fair. These include Showmanship, Obstacle Course, Public Relations, and Costume.

Lama Housing at the County Fair

Ideal County Fair housing for lamas will be box stall housing. They should not be tied. If possible, consider box stall styled housing in goat or sheep barns.

State Fair Lama Experience—September 2nd to September 4th

The 4-H Lama Show will NOT be a part of livestock weekend. This is necessary due to availability of housing for lamas and 4-Hers and show ring availability. The “Lama Encampment” will not coincide with a General Encampment or the Livestock Encampment. Lama exhibitors are also eligible for livestock and/or general encampment trips. LQA&E certification is required.

HERDSMANSHIP Consumer Education and Promotion Activities: A critical component of herdsmanship is the way exhibitors positively interact with fair goers. Minnesota 4-H will continue the program launched in 2007 in cooperation with MN Foundation for Responsible Animal Care (MnFRAC), Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association, and the Minnesota State Fair. We will use the program to provide training and support to help 4-H exhibitors continue to showcase a positive image of animal agriculture at the fair.

The program will consist of three components; (1) specialized training for 4-H livestock delegations 2) coaching for exhibitors as they interact one-on-one with fair visitors during the fair and 3) evaluation and competition for 25 bonus points to be added to the county’s total herdsmanship score. Program details can be found at: <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/herdsmanshipConsumerEdPromoActivities.html>

State 4-H Auction Reminder

20% of all MN State Fair 4-H Auction premiums will be deducted and will be used for a variety of Animal Science activities at the state level, including 4-H Auction Scholarships. Check out the Purple Ribbon website at:

<http://www.mnpurpleribbonauction.org/>

Livestock Weekend Lodging in Bailey Hall – Due to Freshman Orientation at the University, all rooms must be vacated by 8 AM on Sunday morning of Livestock Weekend. Secured luggage and bedding storage will be provided.

Find current 4-H State Fair Information as it becomes available at:

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/>

For more Animal Science information, check out our websites:

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience/>

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/mndairy/>

<http://www.mn4horse.com/>

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/mndog/>

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/mnpoultry/>

<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/mnrabbit/>
