



# Sanborn County 4-H Newsletter

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## 4-H

### Reminders

- Enrollments Due

Anyone who has not filled out an enrollment form needs to do that as soon as possible. Stop by the office and we can help you get it completed. The last day to submit an enrollment is May 31.

- State Horse Show

State Horse show will be held in Huron on July 21-23.

- State 4-H Rodeo

State 4-H Rodeo will be held in Ft. Pierre on August 21-23

- Achievement Day

The Sanborn County 4-H Achievement Day will be held on August 14-15 .

- State Fair

The South Dakota State Fair is scheduled for September 3-7.



### Sanborn County 4-H Leaders Meeting

Wednesday June 24th, 7p.m. @ the 4-H Building.

### Verification Forms Due May 29th

Verification Papers for all animals are due to the Extension Office by Friday May 29th, 2009.

- \* Market Beef
- \* Breeding Beef
- \* Dairy
- \* Breeding Sheep
- \* Market Sheep
- \* Swine

### Pure Bred Animals

Youth who want to participate in Purebred livestock lot need to have animal's Breed Registration Form into the Extension Office by July 1st, 2009.

### Leased Animals

4-Hers who do not own animals can participate in the livestock project areas by leasing animals from someone else. Lease agreements need to be completed, signed and filed at the Extension Office by May 31st.

### Country Of Origin Label

This newly mandated law requires many through not all retailers to ensure that country of origin information is provided for covered commodities (ground and whole muscle cuts of beef, lamb, pork, poultry and goat). Packers and processors that supply covered commodities to their retail customers must provide COOL information.

Though 4-Hers are not directly regulated by COOL, the first-hand knowledge of their project’s country of origin requires them to provide documentation for the retail claim. Because covered commodities are required to be country of origin labeled, definitive origin information must be provided to slaughter facilities.

The process for 4-Hers is relatively simple. Animals owned by the 4-Her prior to July 15, 2008, will be “grandfathered” into the program (documented by July 15, 2008 inventory). However, any animals changing ownership and born after that date will need to be accompanied by COOL affidavit.

What 4-H and FFA Youth Need to do? A simple affidavit was developed that can work for all species of livestock. This affidavit is located at the SD 4-H Publications through SDSU Ag/Bio Communications or contact the Extension Office.

4-H and FFA Youth who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In case of an audit, the youth can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document.

4-H and FFA Youth who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the youth and the youth should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years.

If you have any further questions about COOL and how it relates to 4-H or FFA livestock, please contact SDSU 4-H Livestock Project Leader, Rod Geppert at (605) 690-6458 or SDSU Extension Livestock Educator Heather Larson at (605) 539-9125.



### Beef ROG Final Weigh In

The beef rate of gain final weigh in will be held on June 13th at 1 p.m. The final weigh in will take place at the Moore Farm.

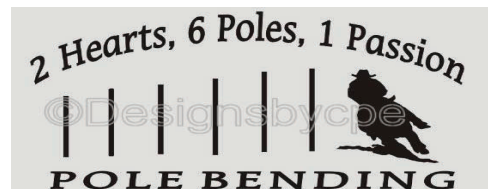


### 4-H Horse Participants

Gus Nelson has offered to do horse practice again this year. Horse practice will be held on Tuesday nights. If you have any conflicts with this please let us know at 796-4380.

### Congratulations Logan Moody

Congratulations to Sanborn County 4-Her Logan Moody. Logan has made it to the Jr. High School National Finals Rodeo in New Mexico. Logan will be competing in the pole bending. The rodeo is June 25th through July 4th. Logan also received ROOKIE OF THE YEAR for the South Dakota Jr. High Rodeo season.





### Horticulture Workshop

Are you overwhelmed by the new horticulture judging changes? A Horticulture Workshop is planned for June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Plankinton Ag Building to help those participating in the contest. The workshop will be held from 9:00-2:00. Chris Zdorovtsov, the Horticulture Educator in Minnehaha County will be conducting the workshop. Pre-registration is requested by June 19<sup>th</sup> to the Sanborn County Extension Office. There will be a small registration fee of \$5.00 to cover a dish garden you will make that day. You will need to bring a sack lunch.

### Sewing Fun Day



Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9 a.m. there will be a sewing day at the 4-H Building in Forestburg, SD. The class will be making elastic waist pants or shorts. Senior division 4-Hers need to discuss what they wish to make with Elyn before purchasing supplies. Garments can be exhibited in clothing and/or modeled in Fashion Revue. Please Pre-register by June 15<sup>th</sup> and indicated if you have a sewing machine. If more time is needed we will sew on July 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Contact the Sanborn County Extension Office with any questions.



### 4-H Project Day

Project Day will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Choose One

- Tie Horse Halter \$5.00
- Pillow Party \$9.00

#### Choose One

- Pipestone Medallion \$3.00
- Paper Beads \$2.00

Pre-register by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

You can make your payment in advance or pay the day of.



### 4-H Camp Lakodia

Camp Lakodia will be held June 17-19 near Madison. Those attending camp this year are: Drew Olinger, Ty Ziebart, Wyatt Feistner, Nathan Linke, & Shaun Snedeker. Girls that will be attending camp with chaperone Tami Ziebart are: Catherine Bechen, Tristan Ziebart, Erica Howard, April Farmer, & Meghan Chada.

Campers will be collecting a few items to take to camp to use in crafts. If you would like to help with collection here are a few items they need.

- Cardboard egg cartons (6,12,18 packs)
- Old Candles (Scented or unscented)
- 1& 3 lb coffee cans with lid (tin or plastic)





## SD Beef Ambassador Contest

South Dakota youth interested in educating consumers and students about beef nutrition, food safety, and stewardship practices of the beef industry are encouraged to compete in the 2009 SD Beef Ambassador Contest. The annual state contest selects a top youth in three age divisions. The senior winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to compete in the National Beef Ambassador Contest this fall in Fort Smith, AK. The SD Beef Ambassador competition will be held in Huron in conjunction with the Summer Spotlight All Breeds Cattle Show. The contest will be held Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, in Clover Hall after the State 4-H Livestock Contest, on the SD State Fairgrounds. Registration deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup>. For rules/regulations and additional information go to [www.nationabeefambassador.org](http://www.nationabeefambassador.org) or contact Ruth Anne Farnsworth, at 605-879-2497 or [ruthf@gwtc.net](mailto:ruthf@gwtc.net).



## Photography Tags

Each photography exhibits must have a tag on the back, with information about the camera used. Your county office should have these available for you to pick up or they will be available during indoor judging at Achievement Days. Reminder– the matte board has been replaced by foam board with only one enlarged 8 x 10 picture for most lots. Check out the state fair book for details.

## Public Presentation Contest

The Sanborn County Public Speaking contest will be held Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Pre-register by July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you need a booklet or help let us know!



## Special Foods Contest

The Sanborn County Special Foods Contest will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration is due July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. For more information contact the Extension Office.

## State Fair Fashion Revue Information

The Fashion revue committee is again inviting 4-H members who are 13 years of age by January 1 to participate in the 2009 State Fair Fashion Revue. If you have questions, contact Ellyn at the Extension Office.

## 4-H Judging School

You must attend two judging schools to be able to judge at the State Fair. We will be sending teams in the Family & Consumers Science judging areas.

### Home Ec. Judging School

June 3 3:00-7:00 p.m. Hanson County

**June 24 7:00 p.m. 4-H Building,  
Forestburg**

June 25 3:00-7:00 p.m. Davison County  
4-H Complex, Mitchell



## CHARACTER COUNTS! Speaking Contest

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking Contest will be held again this year in conjunction with the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls. The contest will be held on August 12th on the WH Lyon Fairgrounds beginning at 8:00 a.m. The contest will follow 4-H standard format. The topic guidelines are how CHARACTER COUNTS! fits into a 4-H project area, a current event or a personal experience. There is a junior and a senior division along with a new junior and senior novice division this year. The generous prizes and rewards for entering are worth the effort in participating in this annual event. The Extension Office has more details.

## The Green Review By Chris Zdorovtsov

### How do you change the pH of the soil?

If the soil pH is too low or acidic, calcium carbonate or limestone can be added. Dolomitic limestone is a form that contains magnesium (a macronutrient). When using limestone a ground product is recommended. In South Dakota our soils tend to be neutral to alkaline. A gardener would rarely need to add this product in our state. Soils with a high pH or alkaline pH can be neutralized by adding an acid forming material. Ground sulfur, peat moss or acid forming fertilizers can help lower the pH. It is difficult or impossible to change the pH much more than one unit, from 7.0 to 6.0. A soil may be buffered, meaning it would be even more difficult to change the pH.

### How are plants named in Latin?

Carolus Linnaeus developed the system for naming plants using two scientific or Latinized names. The first word is the genus, and the second word is the species. The two words are always written *italicized* or underlined. The genus is always capitalized and the species is always lower case. For example, the scientific name for 'red maple' is *Acer rubrum* or Acer rubrum. The preferred form is *italicized*.

## LABO NEEDS A HOST FAMILY

LABO is a family-based Japanese youth organization that offers an international exchange program. As part of this program, SD 4-H families are invited to host a Japanese student for one month from 7/25 to 8/22/09. More information can be found here: <http://agbionews.sdstate.edu/story.cfm?id=4649>. The Henry and Paula Linke family will be hosting a Japanese boy this summer. Another boy still needs a hosting family. If interested, please contact Paula Linke at 796-4558 or [plinke@santel.net](mailto:plinke@santel.net).



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