

CLOVERPATCH BUZZ-Z NEWSLETTER

April, 2008

Leaders Training:

The 4-H Leaders Training meeting will be held May 15, 6 p.m. at the County Extension Office. A meal will be served. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative training.

4-H CENTENNIAL FUN DAY!!!

4-H families mark your calendars and be making plans for the 4-H CENTENNIAL Family Fun Day at Riverside Park, May 31, at 3:00. We hope you can come join in the fun playing game and eating grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Don't forget to call and let us know how many from your family will be attending. If you have friends that are interested in 4-H, bring them too.

**May 1: DEADLINE to register for Fair Educational Booth and Poster Art contest.
May 12: Due Date for YHEC Shooting Sports activity.**

2008 Independence County Fair & Livestock Show Supplemental Premium Information

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

Registration by mail:

- 1) Must be postmarked by Wednesday, June 4
- 2) \$10 check per animal.
- 3) Need a picture of steers and commercial heifers—or have scheduled a time with Nathan to take a picture.

Registration at the Extension Office:

- 1) Must register by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 4
- 2) Need a picture of steers and commercial heifers—or have scheduled a time with Nathan to take a picture.

Registration Deposit: There is a \$10 deposit per animal. Deposit will be returned if the animal is exhibited. There is also a \$10 T-shirt fee. Poultry and rabbit exhibitors can pay the \$10, if they would like a T-shirt.

Additional Supplemental Premium Rules

Supplemental premiums are paid to 4-H and FFA exhibitors only.

Supplemental premiums are paid on only two exhibits in any category. Eligible categories of animal exhibits are: Steers, Commercial Beef Heifers, All Star Steers, Market Lambs, Ewes, Dairy Heifers, Dairy Goats, Meat and Hair Goats, Market Hogs, Prospect Hogs, and Horses.

To remain eligible for supplemental premiums, the exhibitors will be the primary caretakers of their animals with assistance from their parents, county agents, Vo-Ag instructors or 4-H leaders from the registration date to the county fair. COUNTY FAIR STARTS JULY 15.

FAIR RULES

BEEF AND DAIRY:

All cattle, heifers, cows and bulls, will need health papers signed by a veterinarian within 90 days of exhibition. There will be a health clinic conducted on the last part of June or first part of July to help exhibitors with this rule.

- 1) Commercial heifers must have all baby teeth and will be mouthed.
- 2) Registered heifers will be classified by the age on their registration papers. There are classes for heifers that were born between July 1, 2006 and March 30, 2008. The oldest class, born in 2006 between July 1 and September 30, must be certified pregnant by a veterinarian. The cow/calf pair class does not receive supplemental premiums.
- 3) Steers: Teeth will not be checked. Classes will be broken by weight as always. Over 700 lbs. is a Market Steer; 700 lbs. and under is a Feeder Steer.

POULTRY:

All poultry except waterfowl will need a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the fair. A date will be set for a health clinic.

MARKET HOGS:

All Market Hogs that will be returning to the farm or going to another fair must be tested for brucellosis and pseudorabies within 90 days of the fair.

SWINE AND SHEEP:

Premise ID tags are required for Swine and Sheep. Premise ID tags are also required for GOATS over 18 months of age.

HORSES:

They will need a negative Coggins test within the calendar year of the fair for animals over six months old.

SHEEP AND GOATS:

Sheep and goats will be inspected before unloading; no animal showing signs of disease will be allowed to show.

SEE FAIR BOOK FOR COMPLETE RULES.

Sincerely,

Nathan Reinhart
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Agriculture/4-H

Stanley D. Carter
County Extension Agent
Staff Chair

PROJECTED SUPPLEMENTAL PREMIUMS

NOTES:

The 2008 premium and projections are based on having similar numbers and income that we had in 2007. If either changes drastically, premiums may have to be adjusted.

Exhibitors won't be awarded two premiums for the same animal. For example, the 1st place steer that wins \$500 will not also receive the \$200 premium that other exhibitors receive.

Progress Steers: 1st place – \$500; 2nd place – \$400; 3rd place– \$300; and 4th place– \$250.

All remaining steers receive \$200.

All Star Steers: Show Ring – 1st place, \$400; 2nd Show Ring – \$300; 1st place average daily gain, \$350; 2nd place average daily gain – \$300; Showmanship – \$300; Herdsman Award – Jacket; all remainder steers – \$200.

Feeder Steers: 1st place, \$125; 2nd place, \$100. The remaining steers will receive \$80.

Heifers: 1st place, \$300; 2nd place, \$200; 3rd place, \$150; 4th place, \$120; and remainder, \$90.

Sheep: Market Lambs: 1st place, \$200; 2nd place, \$100; remainder, \$50.

Ewes: \$20 per exhibit for two exhibits

Shepherd's Lead-in: \$10 per exhibitor.

Dairy Cattle: \$90 per exhibit

Goats: \$20 per exhibit. Includes: Dairy, Meat and Hair Goats, but not novelty goats such as Pygmy or Fainting.

Market Hogs: 1st place, \$200; 2nd place, \$100; remainder \$50.

Prospect Hogs: 1st place, \$100; 2nd place, \$50; remainder \$25.

Horses: \$50 for one exhibit.

In all of the above categories, except horses, Supplemental Premiums are paid on only two (2) exhibits per category. Beef exhibitors are limited to two regular steers: either two Market or two Feeder steers, or one of each. The All Star Steer class is a separate class and beef exhibitors may exhibit an All-Star Steer plus their regular steer exhibits.

Poultry: \$50 to youth Grand Champion Broiler and Layers pen.

Rabbits: \$50 to youth overall Grand Champion rabbit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR HORSE EXHIBITORS

One child and horse per application. Miniature horses cannot exceed 30 inches. Ponies cannot exceed 52 inches. All animals will be subject to measurement and breed classification. If your animal is not registered in a specific association, please enter them in the breed they best represent, i.e. spotted horses cannot be shown in a Quarter Horse class. Only senior exhibitors are allowed to show stallions.

Please enter the horse you are planning to show. If unavoidable circumstances cause you to be unable to show this horse, please contact the Horse Barn Superintendent as soon as possible. Horses must have current Coggins tests, and no horse with visible signs of illnesses or disease will be allowed in the barn. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Horse Barn Superintendents, Johnny and Annette Ward at (870) 799-3724.

*****R E M I N D E R S*****

April 23: DUE DATES for the following:

- Ambassador recertification forms
- Forestry contest application
- Forestry & Wildlife Camp
- State Officer Election application
- National 4-H Congress delegate

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