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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents and Adult Leaders

FROM: Richard Coffey, Extension Swine Specialist and Youth Programs Coordinator
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DATE: May 5, 2009

RE: Entries for 2009 Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

PREFACE

The 2009 Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and Awards Breakfast will be held on June 16-17, 2009. Kentucky's contest is one of only a few such state contests in the nation that is "open invitational" with no team requirement or no limit on participation. It is our hope and desire that this type of contest structure will allow every 4-H aged youth in the state who wants to be a part of this program to participate. Using the past as an indicator, this format has proved successful and allowed these programs to be far-reaching.

Significant financial resources are required to conduct a contest of this size and scope. While support funding helps to offset expenses associated with conducting the contest, awards, and meals, a registration fee for all participants (including agents and adults) is also required to ensure adequate funds are available to cover all expenses. Also, to allow adequate time for the detailed planning of the events and activities associated with the Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, a registration deadline approximately three weeks before the contest is required. I would ask that you keep these points in mind as we work together in preparing for and conducting this major educational effort.

As a reminder, the 2009 Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds in Powderly, KY. [*Directions – Take exit 58 off the West Kentucky Parkway at Central City. Go north on HW 431 to 1st stop light. At stop light turn left on HW 62 South, which will become HW 189 By-Pass South. Travel 4 miles. The Muhlenberg County Ag and Convention is on the left next to the Muhlenberg County Extension Office.*]

Included with this correspondence are information, instructions, and forms for the following:

- A. Contest information and schedule
- B. Summary of Fees Form
- C. 2009 Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Entry Form
- D. Housing Information
- E. Agent/Leader Report Forms (each county must supply at least one [1] agent or leader to assist in each contest entered)
- F. Volunteer Leader Recognition Form

2009 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE – JUNE 1, 2009

2009 STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

1. ENTRY DEADLINE – **June 1, 2009.**

- a. To ensure adequate time for planning and preparations, this deadline must be observed. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Confirmation of entries will be sent via e-mail. Please watch for confirmation.

2. Rule regarding livestock judging as both a 4-H and FFA member

- a. The following memorandum of agreement exists between 4-H and FFA:

"An individual may participate in the same 4-H or FFA contest provided the contest is not being conducted on the same day or in connection with the same event (i.e. State Fair or similar event). An individual who received advanced training following a state 4-H contest in preparation for national and/or regional competition is eligible to compete in the same FFA contest in the same year."

For example, 4-H members who qualify for and participate in Top 12 Week in 4-H livestock judging in 2009 can judge in the 2009 FFA livestock judging contest.

3. AGE DIVISIONS – Contestants will compete in the following three (3) age divisions:

- a. **Clover** – members born in 1997, 1998, 1999
- b. **Intermediate** – members born in 1995 and 1996
- c. **Senior** – members born in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994

NOTE: A county must have at least three (3) members in an age division to be eligible for team competition. Participants from counties with fewer than three (3) members will be eligible for individual awards.

4. FEES

- a. Registration fee – **\$22.00** (covers lunch, snack break, awards breakfast, and incidentals). Not refunded in event of cancellation.

5. Be certain all information is complete on all forms.

6. Registration fees for the 2009 Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Contest must accompany entry forms. **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Kentucky 4-H Foundation - DO NOT SEND CASH.**

7. AWARDS BREAKFAST

- a. The Awards Breakfast will be held at **9:00 a.m. on June 17, 2009, at the 2nd Baptist Church Community Building** (217 W. Depot Street, Greenville, KY 42345).

OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULE:

June 16

- 9:00 a.m..... Contest registration for Clovers, Intermediates, and Seniors –
Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds (Powderly, KY)
- 9:45 a.m..... Round 1 of livestock judging begins for Clovers, Intermediates,
and Seniors
- 10:45-11:15 a.m..... Drink/snack break for contestants
- 11:15 a.m..... Round 2 of livestock judging begins for Clovers, Intermediates,
and Seniors
- NOTE: Clovers will complete Round 2 at approximately 11:45
a.m. Intermediates and Seniors will complete Round 2 at
approximately 12:45 a.m.*
- 11:45-12:45 a.m..... Nontraditional classes for Clovers – Classroom (Muhlenberg
County Fairgrounds)
- 12:45-1:30 p.m..... Lunch for Clovers – Classroom (Muhlenberg County
Fairgrounds)
- 12:45-1:30 p.m..... Lunch for Intermediates and Seniors – Arena (Muhlenberg
County Fairgrounds)
- 1:30-2:30 p.m..... Oral reasons for Clovers – Classroom (Muhlenberg County
Fairgrounds)
- 1:30-3:30 p.m..... Questions and oral reasons for Intermediates – Arena
(Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 1:30-3:45 p.m..... Questions and oral reasons for Seniors – Arena (Muhlenberg
County Fairgrounds)

June 17

- 9:00 a.m..... Awards Breakfast – 2nd Baptist Church Community Building
(Greenville)

Have A Safe Trip Home!

2009 KENTUCKY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
REGISTRATION FEE SUMMARY

NOTE: Please make checks payable to: **KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION**
Submit this tabulation along with your registration forms and check.
Only One Check Per County Will Be Accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR 4-H'ers, AGENTS, AND LEADERS

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|---|---|-------------|---|
| 1. Livestock Judging (covers lunch and break on 06-16-09, and Awards Breakfast on 06-17-09) | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 25px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> | x \$22.00 = | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div> |
| | No. | | |
| 2. Awards Breakfast Tickets (*for persons <u>not</u> covered in item 1 above) on 06/17/09 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 25px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> | x \$16.50 = | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div> |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (1 + 2).....

COUNTY: AGENT'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

HOUSING INFORMATION:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the following two hotels. The rate will be \$60 plus tax. Please call the hotel of your choice and make your reservations directly and ask for the "4-H Livestock Block" of rooms. Any rooms not reserved by **May 15th** will be released back to the general public.

Best Western 627 South 2 nd Street Central City, KY 42330 Phone: (270) 757-0222	Super 8 Hotel 635 South 2 nd Street Central City, KY 42330 (270) 757-1700
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**Directions to Hotels: From Elizabethtown, take the Western Kentucky Parkway (travel west) to Exit 58. Go north off of the exit ramp and the hotels will be less than 1 mile on the left.*

INSTRUCTION FOR 2009 KENTUCKY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

AGENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING THEIR CONTESTANTS THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. All contestants must have a pencil or pen. All contestants must bring their own notebooks or paper for taking notes for oral reasons and questions. Clover contestants may use their notes when they give their oral reasons. Intermediate and Senior contestants may not use their notes in giving reasons or answering questions.
2. Clover contestants should receive 13 cards in their packet (8 for placing classes, 4 for nontraditional classes, and 1 for oral reasons). Intermediates should receive 15 cards in their packet (11 for placing classes and 4 for questions/reasons). Seniors should receive 16 cards in their packet (11 for placing classes and 5 for questions/reasons).
3. Contestant numbers will be placed on the top card of a contestant's packet. Contestants are responsible for placing their contestant number on their remaining cards.
4. The proper use of the placing card should be reviewed with contestants before the contest date.
5. Clovers will judge eight (8) animal classes. Intermediate and seniors will judge eleven (11) animal classes. Contestants will not be allowed to handle any animals during the contest.
6. Clovers will have four (4) nontraditional classes (one each for beef, sheep, goats, and swine) and will give one set of oral reasons on a sheep class. Intermediates will give oral reasons on two (2) classes (one each on sheep and beef) and will have two (2) questions classes (one each for swine and goats). Seniors will give four (4) sets of oral reasons (2 on beef cattle, and 1 each on sheep, and swine) and will have a one (1) questions class on goats. Reasons and questions classes will be identified during the contest.
7. Contestants will be assigned to groups at the beginning of the contest. They must stay with their assigned group leader until all classes are judged. Only group leaders and ring stewards will be allowed in the contest area.
8. Since members from a county may be in the same group, there will be three or four (3 or 4) group leaders per group. Please instruct your members about not talking to anyone but a group leader. Contestants talking to anyone but a group leader can be disqualified.
9. Eight (8) minutes will be allowed for non-reasons/questions classes. Contestants will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to evaluate reasons/questions classes. Signals will be given to start the class and at various intervals to indicate time remaining. When the final signal is given, cards will be collected in a predetermined order.
10. Lunch will be provided for all contestants during a break period in the contest. Please consult the attached schedules for each age division to determine when lunches will be served.
11. Clover contestants should complete their contest at approximately 2:30 p.m. Intermediate contestants should complete their contest at approximately 3:30 p.m. Senior contestants should complete their contest at approximately 3:45 p.m. Coaches and leaders should plan to meet their contestants at the conclusion of their contests.
12. THE CONTEST WILL START PROMPTLY AT 9:45 A.M. FOR ALL CONTESTANTS. ONCE THE CONTEST HAS STARTED, NO ADDITIONAL CONTESTANTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.
13. Contestants cannot have taken a post-secondary course in livestock evaluation.

**Please inform your senior contestants that LIVESTOCK JUDGING TOP 12 WEEK
will be held from July 10-17, 2009.**

2009 AGENT-LEADER REPORT FORM

1. Please list below the names of agents and leaders that will be available to help in the livestock judging contest.*

2. Please list the coach (coaches) of each team here:*

*Please indicate by an **(R)** personnel requiring a receipt for expenses.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY

County
Agent

2009 KENTUCKY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

PLEASE TYPE

SEND TO: Jason P'Pool
 Research & Education Center
 P.O. Box 469
 Princeton, KY 42445-0469

County:

Name	Birthdate Mo/Day/Yr	Contest Division			Leader/ Agent	Complete Address	Cont. No. (office use)	Comp. No. (office use)
		^a Clover	^b Intermediate	^c Senior				
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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I certify that these contestants comply with all contest rules and therefore are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

*PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH DIVISION (^aCLOVER, ^bINTERMEDIATE, ^cSENIOR) WHICH LISTS ONLY CONTESTANTS IN THAT DIVISION.

^aClover = born in 1997, 1998, 1999; ^bIntermediate = born in 1995, 1996; ^cSenior = born in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994

Signed:
 Agent (or Coach)

CLOVER 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

June 16, 2009

*All times listed are approximate.

- 9:00 a.m.....Report to Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds for registration
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.Divide into group & Contest Instructions
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.Round 1 of animal judging (6 classes)
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.Drink/snack break
- 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.Round 2 of animal judging (2 classes)
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.Nontraditional classes (swine, sheep, goat) – Classroom
(Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.Lunch – Classroom (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 1:30-2:30.....Oral reasons on sheep class – Classroom (Muhlenberg
County Fairgrounds)
*(NOTE: Clovers may use the oral reasons template or
their own notes when they give their oral reasons)*

INTERMEDIATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

June 16, 2009

*All times listed are approximate.

- 9:00 a.m.....Report to Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds for registration
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.Divide into group & Contest Instructions
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.Round 1 of animal judging (6 classes)
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.Drink/snack break
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.Round 2 of animal judging (5 classes)
- 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.Lunch – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.Questions on goat class – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.Questions on swine class – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.Reasons on sheep and beef cattle classes – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)

SENIOR 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

June 16, 2009

*All times listed are approximate.

- 9:00 a.m.....Report to Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds for registration
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.Divide into group & Contest Instructions
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.Round 1 of animal judging (6 classes)
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.Drink/snack break
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.Round 2 of animal judging (5 classes)
- 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.Lunch – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.Questions on goat class – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)
- 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.Reasons on beef cattle, swine, and sheep classes – Arena (Muhlenberg County Fairgrounds)

VOLUNTEER LEADER RECOGNITION

Livestock Judging

We would like to include the names of your county leaders that work with livestock judging in the program for the Awards Breakfast. For 2009, the following criteria will apply:

Recognition Level	Years of Service
3 years	3-4
5 years	5-9
10 years	10-14
15 years	15-19
20 and above	each year-20, 21, 22....

Please supply the following leader information and include with your entries. Provide as many leader names as are applicable for recognition.

County:

Name:

Address:

Years of Service:

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Name:

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