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Basic Horse Management 101—On The Road

The Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Basic Horse Management 101 model program has been on the road in the Spring of 2009. Dr. Brett Scott is the primary instructor at these very successful programs. Agents have involved numerous local and regional experts in their programs and have had a tremendous response to the program.

Several of the programs have included a trade show, which has allowed local merchants to have involvement in the programs. Additionally, local farriers, veterinarians, feed industry personnel and Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service specialists have been involved in the programs. The programs have included the following topics: Basic

Safety, Pasture and Hay Selection, Basic Horse Nutrition, Facility Design, Health Care, Equine Dentistry, Body Condition Score and Weight Estimation, Permanent Identification and Hoof Care.

Some counties have chosen to include selected topics that are covered in the Basic Horse Management agenda in their multi-species programs. These types of programs work very well. On average these programs attract 30-50 attendees.

If you are interested in hosting a Basic Horse Management 101 program, please contact Dr. Scott, bdscott@ag.tamu.edu.

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2007 Agriculture Census Finds More, Smaller Farms

In the past five years, the number of farms in the United States has grown 4% and the operators of those farms have become more diverse, according to results of the 2007 Census of Agriculture recently released by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2007 Census counted 2,204,792 farms in the United States, a net increase of 75,810 farms. Nearly 300,000 new farms have begun operation since the last census in 2002. Compared to all farms nationwide, these new farms tend to have more diversified production, fewer acres, lower sales, and younger operators who also work off-farm.

In the past five years, U.S. farm operators have become more demographically diverse. The 2007 Census counted nearly 30% more women as principal farm operators. The count of Hispanic operators grew by 10%, and the counts of American Indian, Asian, and Black farm operators increased as well.

The latest census figures show a continuation in the trend

towards more small and very large farms and fewer mid-sized operations. Between 2002 and 2007, the number of farms with sales of less than \$2,500 increased by 74,000. The number of farms with sales of more than \$500,000 grew by 46,000 during the same period.

Census results show that the majority of U.S. farms are smaller operations. More than 36% are classified as residential/lifestyle farms, with sales of less than \$250,000 and operators with a primary occupation other than farming. Another 21% are retirement farms, which have sales of less than \$250,000 and operators who reported they are retired.

In addition to looking at farm numbers, operator demographics, and economic aspects of farming, the Census of Agriculture delves into numerous other areas, including organic, value-added, and specialty production, all of which are on the rise.

The 2007 Census found that 57% of all farmers have Internet access, up from 50% in 2002. For the first time in 2007, the census also looked at high-

speed Internet access. Of those producers accessing the Internet, 58% reported having a high-speed connection.

Other "firsts" in the 2007 Census include questions about on-farm energy generation, community-supported agriculture arrangements, and historic barns.

The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

"The Census of Agriculture is a valuable tool that provides the general public with an accurate and comprehensive view of American agriculture," said Secretary Tom Vilsack. "It's also a set of benchmarks against which this Department must measure and demonstrate its performance to agriculture and the taxpayer."

Census results are available online at—

AgCensus.usda.gov.

What are Nutritional Supplements?

Nutritional supplements, also referred to as nutraceuticals or dietary supplements, are defined as products taken by mouth that contain one or more dietary ingredients intended to supplement the diet. These dietary ingredients might include vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanical products, amino acids (the building blocks for proteins), and substances such as enzymes, organ tissues, glandulars, metabolites, extracts, or concentrates. Nutritional supplements are formulated as tablets, capsules, softgels, gelcaps, liquids, powders, or medicated feeds (e.g., pellets). Examples of nutritional supplements include vitamins, electrolytes, mineral blocks, and products marketed for joints, hoofs, and skin, among a multitude of others.

Are Nutritional Supplements Legal?

Yes. The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) endorses the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) 2002 guidelines on the use of complementary or alternative medicine, including the use of nutraceuticals. Specifically, the therapeutic use of micronutrients, macronutrients, and other nutritional supplements is permitted; however, the potential risks and benefits should be discussed within the bounds of a veterinary/client/patient relationship. The AVMA clearly encourages continued research and education on the use of veterinary nutritional supplements/nutraceuticals. Nutritional supplements are not

pharmaceutical drugs, are not manufactured like pharmaceutical drugs, and have not undergone testing to demonstrate either efficacy or safety. As such, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has ruled that nutritional supplements are not permitted to claim that they can be used to diagnose, prevent, mitigate, treat, or cure a disease. Products that make these claims are considered illegal drugs by the FDA.

Commercially Available Supplements

Nutritional supplements have become exceedingly popular over the past few decades for a combination of reasons. Nutritional supplements are easy to administer, economical, and do not require a prescription. Some veterinarians recommend nutritional supplements along with or in lieu of prescription drugs or in combination with pharmaceutical agents. Nutritional supplements can be purchased directly from your veterinarian, from tack shops, or via the internet. Nutritional supplements are marketed (not necessarily proven) for the management of a wide range of medical conditions involving virtually every body system of the horse, including anhydrosis, behavior problems (e.g., for calming, wood chewing), hoof health, immune system, joint health, metabolic issues, muscular and other musculoskeletal conditions (including tendon and ligament problems), skin and coat, gastric ulcers, and weight gain.

How Can Nutritional Supplements Benefit Horses?

Due to the paucity of basic scientific research in the field of veterinary nutritional supplementation, the exact mechanism (s) of action of many of these products either remains unclear or has been extrapolated from research performed in other species. Some ways that nutritional supplements might exert beneficial action are by providing precursor molecules that are lacking or missing from the diet, by exerting an anti-inflammatory effect, or via antioxidant properties.

Since the majority of products have not been tested clinically, it is almost impossible to describe exactly how these products are beneficial for horses. Therefore it is important to include your veterinarian in decisions to supplement horses, especially horses that might have physical problems. Some owners, trainers, and veterinarians are convinced of the merits of nutritional supplements, and there has been continued growth of the nutritional supplement industry over the past few decades.

Oversight in the Supplement Industry

Despite the potential benefits associated with nutritional supplements, there are some concerns with the nutritional supplement industry that could negatively impact the quality and safety of a product that consumers should be aware of. Because the industry is essen-

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What are Nutritional Supplements? - con't

tially unregulated by federal oversight, each independent manufacturer is responsible for ensuring the safety of the product. As a result, a variety of poor-quality supplements exists. This includes products that do not contain the type or amount of ingredient listed on the label, have sub-therapeutic (low) dosages, or are potentially contaminated with harmful chemicals (e.g., pesticides and heavy metals) or ingredients included in other types of supplements manufactured in the same facility due to inadequate cleaning of equipment. Some supplement manufacturers are members of a private group called the National Animal Supplement Council (NASc). NASc's mission is to work constructively and cooperatively with state and federal regulatory agencies to ensure that animal owners maintain continued access to products while creating systems to ensure quality and risk management. This is a self-regulated group. In 2003 NASc established an adverse event reporting system, and it also works to ensure the animal supplement industry is conducting itself responsibly:

- Established current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) in 2004;
- Established product labeling guidelines;
- Established a scientific advisory committee, providing independent oversight for ingredients;
- This committee submitted risk stratification recommendations to FDA-CVM for all ingredients in our members' products. Over 850 ingredients were reviewed; and
- Established an independent quality audit program to verify implementation by member companies.

Too Much Supplementation

One final concern regarding the use of nutritional supplements in horses is oversupplementation, which results from providing too much of one or more nutrients, vitamins, or minerals in the diet. All nutrients must be consumed in balance. Thus, oversupplementing with one or more nutrients can be detrimental to the horse. Since many horses, such as athletic or senior horses, are often offered

more than one nutritional supplement in the form of a vitamin, electrolyte, salt and mineral block, or joint supplement per day, these horses are at risk for over supplementation. Providing unnecessary nutrients in the form of nutritional supplements is not economical. Owners are encouraged to determine the total amount of each supplement that is administered on a daily basis to determine if a horse is receiving more than the recommended daily allowance as outlined in the 2007 edition of the National Research Council's (NRC) book, "Nutrient Requirements of Horses." While there are many people—horse owners and industry professionals—who use nutraceuticals of various kinds and believe in them, there is still much research that needs to be done to prove the merits of some of these products.

District and State 4-H Horse Show Support Packet

This packet was developed and sent to all 12 District Extension Offices in March. It includes guidelines for conducting a successful District 4-H Horse Show with information on a class-by-class basis. Many CEAs serve on District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams, and it is hoped that this information is helpful for running those classes at the shows.

The packet also includes information on the **47th Texas State 4-H Horse Show**, including a Contestant's Letter and the entry information. All entries must be processed through the District

offices prior to being sent to the Horse Specialists' offices. It is very important for all State 4-H Horse Show exhibitors to receive a Contestant's Letter prior to departing for Abilene, Texas, for the State Show. Contact your District Extension office relative to these materials. Contact the Horse Specialists, Brett Scott (979)-845-1562 or Dennis Sigler or Program Specialist, Teri Antilley, if you have any questions about the 47th Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The show is July 26-Aug 1 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. To be eligible for the Qualifying Division, 4-Hers

must show at the District show. For the Open Division, 4-Hers do not have to qualify but must be bonafide 4-H members with horses certified through the County Extension office on or before May 1.

The 2009 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations, which apply to all District Shows and the State 4-H Horse Show, can be found online at

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu> or on the 4-H website. The schedule of events for the State Show is on the web and is also available from your District office.

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

For many years, 4-Hers have had to enter Qualifying classes and earn one or more points, in order to show in the qualifying category at the State 4-H Horse Show. The 2009 District shows will all offer a more balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division, in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

For well over 40 years, a 4-Her could only show one horse at the District show in

the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. 4-Hers may show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each**

Qualifying Division. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division, in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. Again for 2009, all District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity

classes, and a 4-Her MUST show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division. Currently there are 307 futurity

aged horses that have been submitted from over 60 counties.

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following **22 classes** in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2009 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division, in order to 'qualify' for all the classes in that division at the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District, in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her) - Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare

These halter classes have always been held at all District Shows. The only change regarding halter classes is that they are now in a Division, and a 4-Her may show a halter

horse only. In other words, it does not have to be the same horse that is shown in a performance class, but it could be the same horse.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her) - Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail

These classes did not change other than Trail will be held at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her) - Barrels, Poles and Stakes. Same 3 speed classes as in past years. Only change is that a 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her) - Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation

Many District Shows already offer these Hunter-Flat classes. All Districts agreed to add them. In many cases it will be the same horse shown

in western, but doesn't have to be.

Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Halter Filly Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Longe Line Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

3-Year-Old Stock Horse Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

All futurity project horses must be shown at District to be eligible for State.

2009 Texas 4-H Horse Show— Rules and Regulations

All CEA offices should have an electronic copy of the rule book. These rules apply to all District shows and the State Show and are used, with only minor exceptions, in all County Shows. Unfortunately, many 4-H'ers and 4-H families

fail to realize that these rules exist, or that revisions are made annually. So please inform your 4-H'ers about the rule book. Changes or revisions are in red to make them easier to locate, and some of the more important rules are in

bold type. Please distribute to 4-H horse project families headed to District and State. It is also available electronically at

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>

47th State 4-H Horse Show

Attached is a revised schedule of classes for the State Show, being held July 26-Aug 1 in Abilene. Some changes have been made from previous years, and 4-H'ers should look closely at days and times for various classes. No late entries will be accepted, and the deadline for entries is July 1st. Those 4-H'ers who don't attend District and don't make their State entries in the open divisions, will need to be sure and make Open Division(s) entries on an

official entry form. Those forms must be sent to the District office first. They will then be forwarded on to the state Horse Specialists' office. CEA's, contact your District office now to get copies of the State 4-H Horse Show entry form, contestant's letter and other information. Each district office received a revised entry form and contestant's letter in March. The **Horse Show Contestant's Letter contains valuable information for 4-H families as they**

prepare for and attend the State 4-H Horse Show. In accordance with Texas Animal Health Commission regulations, all horses entering the Taylor County Expo grounds in Abilene must be accompanied by proof of negative EIA status. The EIA documentation papers are good for 12 months from the date of issue.

Stock Horse Trail Class Offered

Stock Horse Trail is offered at the State 4-H Horse Show and is open to any 4-H'er who is not showing the same horse in the regular western Trail class. It is intended for well mannered,

broke horses that might also be suitable for classes such as cutting, reining, team penning, working cowhorse, as well as some roping horses that are used in ranch-type settings. If you have 4-H'ers interested,

remind them to enter this class.

State Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School—June 21-25

Young ropers from across the state should start limbering up their strings for the 37th annual Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School scheduled for June 21-25 at the Tarleton State University Equine Arena in Stephenville. This statewide event is open to boys and girls

12 and older. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants should arrive before 2 p.m. June 21 and finish by noon June 25. The registration fee includes group insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent for one horse and practice calves. All students will be housed in

the Tarleton State University dormitories. A deposit will reserve a place. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Brown County at 325-646-0386. Applications are available on the Brown County Web page at <http://brown-tx.tamu.edu/>

Annual 4-H Team Roping School—June 23-25

The 4-H Roping School Committee and the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service - Hockley County are sponsoring the Annual 4-H Team Roping School at South Plains College in Levelland. This school will be directed at the

development of roping and horsemanship skills of youngsters 12 years old to 18 years (as of August 31, 2008). **Participation is open to all districts of the state.** The school will be held June 23-25. For more information, please con-

tact CEA Chris Edens—806.894.3159.

Horse Judging Camps for Youth—July 8-10 & 15-17

Texas A&M is hosting two horse judging camps this summer on July 8-10 & 15-17, 2009. These camps are for youth 12-18 years of age. Instruction on halter classes,

performance classes and oral reason presentation is available. For more information, contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at cac@tamu.edu, or access the material on line at <http://>

animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm

National Reining Horse Association Judging Seminar - Aug 29-30

The Texas A&M Equine Science Section, in conjunction with the Heart of Texas Reining Horse Association, is hosting a National Reining Horse Association judging seminar. The 2-day seminar will be held on the campus of Texas A&M University on Au-

gust 29th-30th. The seminar will be conducted by an approved NRHA clinician. Participants will have the opportunity to complete the NRHA judges exam in hopes of passing and attending an NRHA approved school. The cost of attendance is \$65 and those

who wish to test must pay an additional \$100 and be a current NRHA member. For more information please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or by email at cac@tamu.edu.

State 4-H Round Up Support

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the 4-H

horse program at the State 4-H Roundup. **Purina Mills, Inc., Texas Quarter Horse**

Association and The Texas Thoroughbred Association.

State 4-H Horse Show Support—Education and Awards Enhancement Sponsor

Cargill Animal Nutrition, known throughout Texas for the major brand names ACCO and Nutrena, made a commitment to the Texas State 4-H Horse Show, in April of 2009. A combined effort by the Cargill Foundation and the South Texas and Southwest Districts, has resulted in a continuation of expanded recognition for 4-Hers. Some of this support is easily recognized by nicer buckles in both

the open and qualifying divisions of the show and in the qualifying division, where exhibitors are recognized for earning a trip to state based on District participation and qualification procedures. Buckles recognize from 1st up through 10th place, depending on class size. Classes with 100 or more entries, based on the previous three year rolling average for class participation, have Top 10 buckles. These

and other opportunities for 4-H recognition, as well as planned educational resources for 4-H families, are made possible due to this sizable sponsorship. The Texas 4-H Horse Program expresses sincere thanks to Cargill Animal Nutrition for their support of the Texas State 4-H Horse Show in 2009 through 2011.

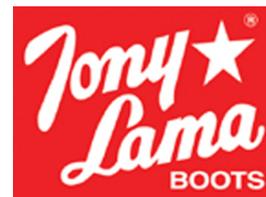


Tony Lama Boot Company

Tona Lama Boot Company, via efforts of Kelly Riley in Fort Worth, has donated gift certificates for a pair of boots to be awarded to the 1st place winners of each of the cattle and speed classes. These classes include: tie down roping, breakaway rop-

ing, team roping, team penning, working cowhorse, cutting, pole bending, barrel racing, stake race, champion roper, and champion stock horseman. The winners get the opportunity to choose from the styles and sizes offered in the sponsorship and

mail the certificate to Tony Lama Boot Company. The winners will receive their boots in the mail from the company. **THANK YOU TONY LAMA BOOT COMPANY.**



New Equine Publication

Feeding and Caring for a Yearling 4-H Futurity Horse (B-6223), by Teri Antilley and Dennis Sigler, is now available on-line at the AgriLife Bookstore

(<http://agrilifebookstore.org/>) for \$7.50 per copy.

This is a youth publica-

tion that describes how proper nutrition, regular coat, hoof and health care, adequate exercise and consistent training all play a role in managing a successful yearling project. Questions, along with color photos, make the publication an interactive workbook that allows youth to apply the take-

home messages. *Feeding and Caring for a 2-Year-Old 4-H Futurity Horse* and *Feeding and Caring for a 3-Year-Old 4-H Futurity Horse* are in the process of being published and should be ready by the summer of 2009.

Additional State Horse Show Support

Wrangler, via efforts of Bill Taylor in Abilene, has again put together \$ 4,250 in scholarships for 4-H'ers in various categories for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. Details will be available at the State Horse Show during registration. Wrangler's support of the Texas 4-H Horse Program is certainly appreciated.

Individual Class Buckle Sponsors, A buckle

sponsorship form can be found on the following page.

The following individuals have already sponsored buckles for the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show:

Kenny and Jennifer Dickerson, Western Pleasure Champion; Peg Smith, Champion Grade Gelding, Pat and Jessie Schneider, Reserve Champion Working Cow Horse; Kirk and

Maureen Morris, Champion Western Riding; Kenneth and Bonnie King, Champion Barrel Racing and Pole Bending; Frontier Trophy Buckles Ten Buckles; The Hickerson Family, Champion—Working Cow Horse; The Young Family, Champion—3-Yr-Old Stock Horse.



2009 State 4-H Horse Buckle Sponsorship Form



You now have the opportunity to sponsor a buckle at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The cost of the buckle sponsorship is \$ 200.00 per buckle. Buckle Sponsors will be recognized in the Souvenir Program and Working Order Book that is distributed at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Name: _____

In Memory of (Name): _____

In Honor of (Name): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Please indicate which class(es) that you are interested in sponsoring.
Remember that multiple buckles are awarded in each class.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Poles | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrels | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Cow Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Horsemanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Stakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Reining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Under Saddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Horse Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mares 5 & Over | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Seat Equitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Penning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mares 4 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Geldings | <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Calf Roping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Mares | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Fillies | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Hack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Mare | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Longe Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Hunter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 5 & Over | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr-Old Western Pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation Over Fences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 4 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Yr-Old Stock Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Jumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Geldings | <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Calf Roping | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Gelding | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping | |

Please Make Checks Payable To:

Texas 4-H Foundation—State 4-H Horse Show and indicate Buckle Sponsor in the memo line.

Return this form and check to:

Dr. Brett Scott, Extension Horse Specialist, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

37th Summer Horsemanship School Program

There are 26 schools scheduled in 26 different counties this summer as the program marks its 37th consecutive year of in-depth, hands-on schools for 4-H'ers, volunteer leaders and parents. A very talented group of horse program assistants have been identified to teach these schools this summer

	Date	County
1	June 1,2	Kendall
2	June 5,6	Scurry
3	June 8,9,10	Somervell
4	June 15,16	Gray
5	June 18,19,20	Swisher
6	June 22,23,24	Taylor

	Date	County
1	June 1,2	San Patricio-Portland
2	June 5,6	Blanco
3	June 8,9,10	Williamson
4	June 12,13	Val Verde
5	June 15,16	Duval
6	June 17,18	Atascosa

	Date	County
1	June 3,4	Washington
2	June 5,6	Waller
4	June 10,11	Brazoria
5	June 12,13	Montgomery
6	June 19,20	Newton
7	June 22,23	Jefferson

	Date	County
1	June 1,2,3	Nacogdoches
2	June 5,6	Grayson
3	June 10,11	Red River
4	June 19,20	Denton
5	June 22,23	Collin
6	June 25,26	Tarrant

	Date	County
1	June 5,6	Fort Bend

2009 State Hippology Contest—Aug 29

The State Hippology Contest will be held on August 29th, 2009 in Kaufman, TX. at Scurry Rosser High School.

The winning Senior 4-H team qualifies to represent Texas 4-H at the National Western 4-H Roundup that is held in Denver, CO in early January.

The contest will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m. and will conclude late that afternoon. You will find an entry form attached to this newsletter. Once you have submitted your entry, you will receive a conformation letter/email with more details about the location. If you have any questions about this activity, please contact Dr. Brett Scott, 979.845.1562, CEA's Carrie Sharp 972.932.9069 or Tommy Phillips 903.567.4149

Hippology is an indoor activity where 4-H members can make learning fun by exhibiting their horse knowledge. This contest will contain.....

1. I. D. Station - where youth will visit 10 stations to identify or answer questions presented to them. This is an educational activity of five or more subject areas. Each area is called a Station. Each station is numbered and represents a particular subject. Examples: 1 - Parts of the Horse,

2 - Breeds of Horses, 3 - Leg and Face Markings, 4 - Styles of Riding, 5 - Nutrition, etc. Each station has equal number of items to identify or an equal number of questions to answer. Any number of stations may be used.

2. Written Examination - If you can do Quiz Bowl, then you can do the Test! There will be a junior level test and a senior level test.

3. Slide Show Test (picture test) - ID what you see!

4. Two Judging Classes

5. Team Questions - the team will work together to solve a "problem". Individuals will not have to answer team questions.

CONTEST RULES

1. The contest will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions. Junior members may not have reached their **14th birthday as of August 31st, 2009**. All Senior members must have reached their **14th birthdays as of August 31st, 2009**. **You are in the new 4-H year for this contest!!!!**

2. Each county is eligible to enter any number of junior individuals, junior teams, senior individuals, and senior teams. All participants in the contest will be eligible for individual

awards or recognition.

3. A team consists of three or four members. On teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining individual and team awards. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program.

REFERENCES

The hippology contest uses the same references as the Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl contest.

Hippology Contest Rules

OBJECTIVES

- 1.To provide, in friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth currently enrolled in the 4-H
- 2.To provide youths with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging bowl, demonstrations, public speaking, and showing into one activity.
- 3.To encourage youth to continue expanding their horse knowledge and participation.
- 4.To recognize youth for their comprehension of knowledge of the horse industry.
- 5.To teach good sportsmanship through a friendly and competitive environment.

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3. A team consists of three or four members. On teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining individual and team awards. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program.
4. This contest will contain.....
 1. **I. D. Stations** - Where youth will visit 5 stations to identify or answer questions presented to them. This is an educational activity of five or more subject areas. Each area is called a **Station**. Each station is numbered and represents a particular subject. (Example but not limited to: #1 - Parts of the Horse, #2 - Breeds of Horses, #3 - Leg and Face Markings, #4 - Styles of Riding, #5 - Nutrition, etc. Each station has equal number of items to identify or an equal number of questions to answer. Any number of stations may be used.
 2. **Written Exam** - If you can do Quiz Bowl then you can do the Test!
 3. **Slide Show Test (picture test)** - ID what you see! Short fill in the blank.
 4. **Two Judging Classes**
 5. **One Team Question** - the team will work together to solve a "problem".

Individual contestants will not participate in the Team questions.

REFERENCES

The hippology contest uses the same references as the Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl contest.

Mail or FAX entries to: Carrie Sharp, Kaufman AgriLIFE Extension Service,

2471 N. State Hwy. 34, Kaufman, TX 75142 Phone (972) 932.9069 FAX (972) 932.9071

Hippology Contest Registration Summary - Deadline August 14th, 2009

Name of County/Club: _____

Coach/Leader: _____

Put the number of teams/individuals in the box.

Junior Team (ages 9-13) Senior Team (ages 14-18)

of Teams x \$ 60.00 = _____

Individual entry, Individuals will only be able to compete for the individual awards.

Junior Ind (ages 9-13) Senior Ind (ages 14-18)

of Ind x \$ 15.00 = _____

Total Entries \$ _____

Team Contact Information:

Coach: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to: East Texas Youth Horse Show

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Calendar of Events		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
June 1—30	37th Annual Statewide Summer Horsemanship School Program	Teri Antilley - 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
June 9	State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest—TAMU	State 4-H Office—979.845.1212
June 10	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest—TAMU	Teri Antilley or Dennis Sigler— 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu; dsigler@tamu.edu
June 11	State 4-H Horse Method Demonstration/Public Speaking, TAMU- (Qualification is via District Contests—3 teams/District	Brett Scott— 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
June 11-13	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Belton	CEA Dirk Aaron—254-933-5405
June 15-16	District 8, 4-H Horse Show—Belton	DEA Ron Woolley— 254.968.4144
June 15-16	District 4, 4-H Horse Show—Sulfur Springs	CEA Carrie Sharp— 972.932.9069
June 16	District 7, 4-H Horse Show, Nolan Co. Coliseum—Sweetwater	CEA Tommy Antilley— 325.453.2461
June 16	District 2, 4-H Horse Show, Texas Tech Eq. Center—Lubbock	CEA Cody Hill— 806.756.4336
June 16	District 5, 4-H Horse Show, Henderson Co. Fair Park Complex—Athens	CEA Hilary Grider— 903.675.6130
June 16-17	District 10, 4-H Horse Show—Gonzales	Spec. Cheryl Newberry— 830.278.9151
June 16-18	District 9, 4-H Horse Show—Great Southwest Complex—Katy	Spec. Kevin Chilek— 979.845.6800
June 19-20	District 11, 4-H Horse Show—Brenham	Spec. Jodi McManus— 361.265.9203
June 19-20	District 1, 4-H Horse Show—West Texas A&M University—Canyon	Linda Bice—806.677.5600
June 20	District 12, 4-H Horse Show—Robstown	CEA Lou Garza—956.968.5581
June 21-25	State 4-H Calf and Break-A-Way Roping School—Stephenville	CEA Scott Anderson— 325.646.0386

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Date	Program/Activity	Contact
June 23-25	State 4-H Team Roping School—Levelland	CEA Chris Edens—806.894.3159
June 24-27	District 3, 4-H Horse Show—Vernon	Kay White —940.552.9941 ext. 224
June 26-27	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Seguin	CEA Travis Franke— 830.379.1972
June 29-30	District 6, 4-H Horse Show, Pecos Co. Coliseum—Ft. Stockton	Spec. Matt Tarpley— 432.336.8585
July 8-10	# 1 Youth Horse Judging Camp—TAMU	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 15-17	# 2 Youth Horse Judging Camp—TAMU	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 17-18	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Sulfur Springs	CEA Juli Hutchins— 903.885.3443
July 25— Aug 1	47th Texas State 4-H Horse Show—Abilene	Horse Specialists Office— 979.845.1562
July 29— Aug 2	Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships	Dr. Brett Scott—979.845.1562
Aug 22-22	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition—Conroe	CEA Mike Heimer— 936.539.7822

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<u>New Covered Arena</u>	<u>Arena Horse Barn</u>	<u>Coliseum</u>
SATURDAY, JULY 25		
12:00 P.M. 1 ST STALLING PERIOD BEGINS		
		3:00 p.m. Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office 4:00 p.m. Arena Open for Futurity Horses Only 7:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Riding Leader Meeting
SUNDAY, JULY 26		
8:00 a.m.- Warm-Up for Jumping 11:30 a.m. Classes 12:00 p.m. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Working Hunter Open Jumping Hunter Hack Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Hunter Fences Horseman 6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Drill/Precision Practice 9:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Practice Ends. Arena Open for Individual Riding	1:00 p.m. Yearling Futurity Horses Check-In (in the Arena) 2:00 p.m. 2-Year-Old Futurity Horse Check-In (West End Overhang Area of Arena) Arena Open for Yearling Futurity Longe Line Horses 2:30 p.m. Arena Closed 3:00 p.m. Yearling Longe Line Futurity 6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Individual Riding	5:00 a.m.- Drill (Practice Session) 10:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Management Team Meeting (TCEC Office) 11:00 a.m. Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office Church Service (Pavilion) 12:00 p.m. Cutting 6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation Riders Only
MONDAY, JULY 27		
9:00 a.m. Breakaway Roping Prelims Breakaway Roping Finals Team Roping Prelims Team Roping Finals Calf Roping Prelims Calf Roping Finals - Awards Presentation Champion and Reserve Roper	8:00 a.m. Working Cow Horse Prelims Working Cow Horse Finals 1:00 p.m. Arena Open for riding 2:00 p.m. Arena Open for Yearling Halter Horses Only 3:00 p.m. Arena Closed 4:00 p.m. Yearling Filly Futurity (concurrent 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Go) 4:30 p.m. Yearling Gelding Futurity (concurrent 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Go)	8:00 a.m. Hunter Showmanship 10:30 a.m. Hunter Under Saddle Hunt Seat Equitation Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Hunter Flat Horseman 1:30 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only 2:30 p.m. Coliseum Closed 3:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (1 st Go) 4:15 p.m. Coliseum Open for Reining Horses Only 5:15 p.m. Coliseum Closed 6:00 p.m. Recognition Ceremony Drill Team Competition

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TUESDAY, JULY 28		
<p>7:00 a.m. Arena Closed for Stock Horse Trail Set Up</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Stock Horse Trail (Walk Up) - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Stock Horse Trail Finals</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Precision Teams (Practice Session)</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Team Penning Prelims Team Penning (Limited 2nd Go) Team Penning Finals</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Arena Open for all horses</p>	<p>6:30 a.m. Coliseum Open for Reining Horses Only</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Coliseum Closed</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Reining Prelims</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Stock Horse Futurity Check-In (Coliseum Overhang Area)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Arena Open 3-Year-Old Stock Horses Only</p> <p>12:00 p.m. 3-Year-Old Stock Horse (1st Go)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (2nd Go)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Arena Open</p>
8:00 p.m. Party for Exhibitors		
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29		
<p>8:00 a.m. Precision Riding</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Practice Trail; Trail Entrants Only -7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Arena Open for individual riding</p> 	<p>8:00 a.m. Reining Finals</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Awards Presentation Champion and Reserve Stockhorseman</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Arena Open for Futurity Stock Horses Only</p> <p>10:30 a.m. 3-Year-Old Stock Horse (2nd Go)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (3rd Go)</p>
3:00 P.M. - 1st STALLING PERIOD ENDS		
4:00 P.M. - 2nd STALLING PERIOD BEGINS		
<p>7:00 p.m. Arena Open for Riding - 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. Arena Open for Timed Event Horses Only -10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. Coliseum Open for Riding by Qualifying Show Judged Event Contestants Only -10:00 p.m.</p>

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THURSDAY, JULY 30		
<p>2:00 p.m. Walk-Up until Trail 6:00 p.m. Preliminaries</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Arena Closed for preparation 12:00 p.m. Halter Mares - Mares 5 & Over - Mares 4 & Under - Grade Mares - Grand & Reserve 2:00 p.m. Pole Bending Prelims</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter Prelims 12:00 p.m. Halter Geldings - Geldings 5 & Over - Geldings 4 & Under - Grade Geldings - Grand and Reserve 2:00 p.m. Arena Open for Western Pleasure Horses Only 3:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Prelims</p>
8:00 p.m. Party for Exhibitors		
FRIDAY, JULY 31		
	<p>8:00 a.m. Barrel Racing Prelims 1:30 p.m. Stake Racing Prelims</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter Semi-Finals & Finals Minimum 1 hour Break Western Horsemanship Prelims 1:30 p.m. Western Riding Prelims 4:30 p.m. Trail Finals (Top 20)</p>
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1		
	<p>8:00 a.m. Finals Performance Pole Bending (Top 20) Barrel Racing (Top 20) Stake Racing (Top 20) Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Timed Horseman</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Western Pleasure Semi-Finals Western Pleasure Finals 30 minute Break Western Horsemanship Semi-Finals Western Horsemanship Finals Western Riding Finals Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Judged Horseman</p>

