The 44th annual State 4-H Horse Show was held in Abilene, Texas on July 23-29, 2006 at the Taylor County Expo Center. Many thanks go out to Mr. Tony McMillan and his staff and host CEA’s Kit Horne and Gary Bomar for helping make this show continue to be a tremendous event for the 4-H’ers and their families. Additionally, the 45th State 4-H Horse Show will be held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

4-H’ers from 152 counties across Texas were entered in the show this year. A total of 838 4-H’ers entered 1021 horses. That combination of 4-H’ers and horses resulted in over 2300 entries in the horse show.

The High Point Winners in each of the Five Divisions are listed below: Stock Horse Division—Steven Stanley, Wilbarger Co.; Roping Division: Lance Graf, Wilbarger Co.; Hunter Division—Jordan Rowan, Randall Co.; Timed Event Division—Tonia Turner, Gonzales Co.; Western Judged Division—Ty Cobb, Bee Co.

For the sixth year, Wrangler has awarded $700 scholarships to the 4-H’er that accumulates the greatest number of points in each of the five divisions at the State Horse Show. To be eligible, a 4-H’er must have graduated and be enrolled in or enrolling in a trade school, college or university. The winners were: Stock Horse—Colton Russell, Motley Co.; Roping—Trent McDonald, Garza Co.; Hunter—Sydney Shafer, Randall Co.; Timed—Amanda Slaughter, Bexar Co.; and Western—Kylee Hudson, Erath Co.

Special thanks to those agents, volunteers and parents that served on the Horse Show Management Team, making for a well-organized show. Congratulations to all of the Texas 4-H’ers who attended the show. See the next page for major sponsorship support.

A big thanks to Cargill Animal Nutrition, education & awards enhancement sponsor!
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Cargill Animal Nutrition, known throughout Texas for the major brand names ACCO and Nutrena, made a second consecutive 3-year commitment to the Texas State 4-H Horse Show, back in May of this year. A combined effort by the Cargill Foundation and the South Texas and Southwest Districts, has resulted in a continuation of expanded recognition for 4-H’ers. Cargill increased their previous sponsorship by over 35% in direct support of this show for the next three years.

Some of this support is easily recognized by new and nicer buckles for 1st and 2nd in both the open and qualifying divisions of the show, seen this summer for the fourth consecutive year. 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 3rd up through 10th place, depending on class size. Qualifying 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 2006 through 2008.

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New Faculty Join Equine Science Section

Dr. Clay Cavinder is serving as undergraduate teaching coordinator and horse judging team coach. Clay has a split teaching/research appointment. Dr. Cavinder’s interest in the broodmare and reproductive efficiency will provide additional strength to the section’s research and educational emphasis on horse production.

Dr. Josie Coverdale is an Assistant Professor in Equine Science with emphasis on teaching and research in nutrition. She has been on the faculty at the University of Georgia prior to her relocation back to Texas. A native of north Texas, Dr. Coverdale brings a strong interest in equine nutrition to the section.

Dr. Dennis Siegler will join the section this fall. Dennis received his doctorate in Animal Science (research and dissertation in equine exercise and muscle physiology) from Texas A&M University in 1981. He has served at Kansas State University as an assistant professor with tenure and was approved for promotion to associate professor in 1989. Dr. Siegler’s teaching interests are in the area of equine exercise science and interactions with exercise and nutrition. His research efforts focus on enhancing structural integrity and performance of juvenile and mature athletic horses. Other supporting emphases in research are on the interactions of exercise physiology and the management/development of athletic horses. Dr. Siegler is a member of numerous professional societies, national breed associations and organizations.

Judging Coaches and Adult Leaders Horse Judging Workshop—September 20

New faculty member, Dr. Clay Cavinder, has organized this September 20th workshop for those adults who give lead to coaching judging teams. It will be held at Pearce Pavilion on the TAMU campus, and will focus on actual judging and scoring systems for specific performance classes. Attention will also be given to development and delivery of oral reasons. Clay coaches the Collegiate Horse Judging Team here at Texas A&M. A workshop pre-registration form is in this newsletter, as well as on the web at http://animalscience.tamu.edu. County Extension Agents can attend the workshop free of charge, provided they pre-register, so that accommodations can be for the noon meal.

CEA Program Support

The following publications and resource materials are available to support horse owner requests and county programs:

* Nutrition and Feeding Management of Broodmares - #B-5025 (updated 2005)
* Feeding Young Horses for Sound Development - #B-5043 (updated 2005)
* Feeding the Arena Performance Horse - #B-6143 (developed in 2003)

* Mature, Senior and Geriatric Horses: Management, Care and Use - #B-6161 (2005)
* Selection and Use of Hay and Processed Roughage in Horse Feeding - #B-5033 (2005)
* 15 Steps to Minimize Theft of Horses and Equipment - #L-5210
* Permanent Identification of Horses - #L-5211

* Horse Theft Awareness DVD
* Banner Stand Displays – Horse Theft Awareness

*http://animalscience.tamu.edu Website – Horses – Publications and DVD, as well as additional fact-sheets. Also includes information on 4-H horse program opportunities.
Foreign and Emerging Animal Disease—Emergency Management

Best management practices for the horse industry are being developed. Brett Scott is giving lead to the identification of materials and those that need to be developed (Project 7 of FAZD). By November 1, this project will see the repackaging of materials into some logical and concise format. As the new year comes around, Project 8 will involve the development of fact sheets and publications. At that time, Dr. David Anderson in Ag Economics will begin to look at evaluation of cost analyses and risk assessment for the best management practices. Once completed, these projects are expected to deliver useful information on disease management and routine management practices for horse health related to production and use of horses.

Basic Horse Management 101 Goes on the Road

Has your county been looking for a horse program? Look no further, Basic Horse Management 101 is going on the road. This is a day-long program that is designed to cover many topics that would appeal to veteran horse owners, as well as new horse and land owners. This program was developed to include people (veterinarians, dentists, farriers, etc) from your area to teach sections. The program includes topics such as facility design, feeding management, and general health care, to name a few. Curriculum will be provided for this program. If your county would like to host a day-long program covering Basic Horse Management, please contact Dr. Brett Scott – bdscott@ag.tamu.edu or 979.845.1562.

American Horse Council Issues Forum – Austin – September 25

This meeting will be at the Austin Airport Marriott. The afternoon is devoted to discussions about the proposed National Animal Identification System as pertains to the horse industry. The AHC has confirmed participation by Dr. Bob Hillman of the Texas Animal Health Commis-Hulsey. The AHC intends for the forum to represent a broad panel of people involved in the issue of a proposed NAIS. The ESWG has continued to make recommendations to USDA regarding the four proposed components of the NAIS: Premises Identification, Animal Identification, Tracking and Trace-back, and Reporting. For more information on the forum, contact Kerry Thompson via email at kthompson@horsecouncil.org or (202)-296-4031 in Washington D.C.
Statewide Fall Horse Judging Workshop—Lubbock

October 21 will be the date for the Statewide Practice Horse Judging Workshop, held at The Livestock Arena on the Campus of Texas Tech University. This workshop will be held as a judging practice. Participants will get to judge a variety of halter and performance classes. Critiques will follow. This activity will be most useful to youth, only if they are accompanied by their county judging team coach or leaders. To pre-register, complete the attached form and send a check payable to Dr. Kris Wilson - TTU Department of Animal and Food Sciences - Box 42141 - Lubbock, TX 79409 - Phone: (806) 742-2805 ext. 236. Make check payable to: Texas Tech Collegiate Horsemens, No purchase orders can be accepted. For more information, you can contact Dr. Brett Scott at 979-845-1562 or email at bdscott@ag.tamu.edu. This clinic is being co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Tech University.

Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop—College Station

October 28th, 2006 will be the date for the Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop, held at Freeman Arena, Texas A&M. This workshop will be held as a judging practice. Participants will get to judge a variety of halter and performance classes. Critiques will follow. This activity will be most useful to youth, only if they are accompanied by their county judging team coach or leaders. There will be no official contest tabulation, but placings and cuts will be announced. Coaches can conduct their own tabulation. Counties need to pre-register and pay $7.00 per participant, by October 20, 2006. The fee is $10.00 per person, if you register after October 20, 2006. To pre-register, go online at www.JudgingCard.com. Make checks payable to Clay Ewell Educational Services. Mail to Clay Ewell Educational Services, P.O. Box 3791, College Station, Texas 77844-3791. The online registration is different this year, and requires one consolidated entry per county. For questions regarding registration, contact Clay Ewell at cewell@www.JudgingCard.com. For information about the Workshop contact Teri Antilley or Pete Gibbs at 979-845-1562.

Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic

The 12th Annual Cow Horse Clinic is set for October 24-26, 2006 in Abilene. Don Murphy is serving as the instructor. He currently resides in Marietta, OK and has too many awards to list. Don coaches both adults and youth clientele. To be eligible, adults must be interested or involved in working with 4-H’ers at county and district levels. Youth who are 4-H members are also eligible to attend.

This clinic is not a “how to ride” clinic and will be conducted at a challenging level for riders who want to learn specifics of working cow horse. For more information, please contact Vickie Hoggett at (254) 823-6860.
Statewide Youth Reining Clinic

The annual Texas State Youth Reining Horse Clinic for 4-H members will be held December 16-17, 2006 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas. Youth attending must be a bonafide 4-H member and bring a horse they want to improve in executing all basic maneuvers. The horse does not have to be a reiner. If under 16, members must provide their own parental or volunteer supervision. Stalls will be available on Friday, December 15, 2006. The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16th. Topics will include lateral flexion and forward momentum, circles, spins, stops, rollbacks, and lead changes. All participants will receive “hands-on” practice and assistance throughout the clinic. This clinic is a project of the Texas State 4-H Horse Committee. For further information on this youth reining clinic or the 2007 Adult Reining Clinic, contact Vicki Hoggett at (254) 823-6860.

Corporate and Association Support Appreciated—Special Thanks

Purina Mills, Inc.—Again this year, Purina served as a major supporter of State 4-H Roundup in Horse Judging and Method Demonstration. Their continuing grant makes a big difference in the quality of awards and trip opportunities for the top judging team. Purina also provided feed vouchers again this past summer for the Horse Program Assistants in the Summer Horsemanship School program. We appreciate their help.

Acco Feeds, Inc.—Still sponsoring the State 4-H Horse Record Book program. Each year, ACCO also provides exhibitor back numbers and stall cards for the Texas State 4-H Horse show. Their interest in youth is making a significant difference.

The Texas Quarter Horse Association and the Texas Thoroughbred Association—Both headquartered in Austin, continue to provide much needed sponsorships support for youth horse judging, quiz bowl, and horse record book opportunities at the state level.

Wrangler—Abilene representative Bill Taylor has involved Wrangler in the past five State 4-H Horse Shows via a Scholarship program for senior-aged 4Her’s. This year, a total of $3500 in scholarship money was awarded to five State Show contestants enrolled in a college, trade school or university. Wrangler also gave all contestants a back pack and a stadium blanket.

Double J Saddlery—Located in Yoakum, Texas, Double J continues to be the official saddle maker for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. Double J donates one high-point saddle for the show each year. Special thanks to Tommy Kaye and all the folks at Double J for their support of the program.

Oster—Donated 14 grooming kits and 14 sets of clippers to give as awards at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Horse Breeder’s Schools Back Again at A&M

The Equine Science Section will conduct two breeders schools for horse owners, farm managers and veterinarians. These are 3-day schools. The schools are set for December 6-8, 2006 and Jan 10-12, 2007. Cost is $600 per school. Emphasis will be placed on broodmare management and preparing mares for the breeding season.

Stallion handling and artificial collection/insemination will be covered, with discussions also on mare and foal nutrition.

For more information, contact Dr. Martha Vogelsang at mvogelsang@tamu.edu or call 979-845-7731. Space will be limited.
Futurity Rule Reminder

Attention: This is a reminder that will be in effect for the 2007 Texas 4-H Horse Show. 4-H’ers nominating a futurity project horse must be at least 12 years old. This means that on August 31st, 2006, the beginning of the current 4-H year, the 4-H’er must be 12 years old or older to nominate and exhibit a futurity project in 2007. The Texas 4-H Horse Show offers five futurities to 4-H horse exhibitors as follows: Yearling Halter Geldings, Yearling Halter Fillies, Yearling Longe Line, Two-year-old Western Pleasure and 3-Year-Old Stock Horse.

Horse Industry Workshops Coming in February 20-22, 2007

Texas Cooperative Extension and the Equine Science Section at Texas A&M University are hosting two two-day-long workshops on the TAMU campus. They will include Mare/Foal Management and Horse Management 101 workshops. An informational form is found in this newsletter. For more information, please call Kathy at 979.845.1562 or check the TAMU Animal Science website http://animalscience.tamu.edu.

Judging Teams Represent Texas 4-H at Southern Regionals & World Championships at AQHYA World Show

Denton County was the winning team this year at the State 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest. The team members were Tia Johnson, Misti Morrison, Jessica Utter and Margaret Woodley. The team was coached by Ms. Terri Cage. By winning this contest, Denton County qualified to represent Texas 4-H at the Southern Regionals, the AQHYA World Show, and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. The team placed 5th overall at the Southern Regionals in Raleigh, NC.

The team traveled to Ft. Worth, TX to compete at the AQHYA World Show contest in the 4-H/FFA Division. They placed 8th overall. They were 4th in the halter division and were 8th in performance division.

Johnson County was the 2nd place team at Roundup; and this placing qualified them to represent Texas 4-H at the Southern Regionals and the AQHYA World Show. The team members were Katie House, Valerie Marks, Morgan Simmons and Olivia Wethington. The team was coached by Mr. Ed Bader. This team was not able to attend the Southern Regional contest and competed at the AQHYA World Show contest in the AQHYA Division and finished 7th overall.

Randall County was the 3rd place team at Roundup. This placing earned them a trip to the Western Nationals in Denver, CO in January. The team members were Christine Karr, Zane Pluhar, Tara Schilling and Tabitha Taylor. This team finished 13th at the AQHYA World Show contest in the 4-H division. They replaced Johnson County in the 4-H division.

Brazoria and Van Zandt Counties were 4th and 5th at the State 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest this past summer. Brazoria County attended the Southern Regional Contest in Raleigh, NC and finished 9th overall. The team members were Dustin Grimes, Ethan Kleine, Amy Stewart and Cody Williams. Van Zandt County team members Sara Bass, Lauren Foley and Spencer Perkins. They will travel to Denver, CO to compete in the Western National Roundup.
Judging Teams Represent Texas Quarter Horse at AQHYA World Show

The FWLSR Horse Judging Contest serves as a qualifier for the top two teams to judge under the Texas Quarter Horse Banner at the AQHYA World Show Contest. Congratulations to the winners, Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Team, coached by Ed Bader. Team members were Olivia Wethington, Kristan Liesman, Katie House, and Valeria Marks. They finished 7th overall at the AQHYA World Judging Contest and 6th in Performance. Congratulations to Robertson/Grimes County Horse Judging Team for being Reserve high-point team at the FWLSR contest. Coached by Ms. Cowan and Ms. Farrington. Team members were Alexis Cowan, Joel Farrington, Jason Farrington and Amanda Hayes. This team finished 5th overall at the AQHYA World Judging Contest and 4th and 6th in halter and reasons, respectively.

Winners of the State Hippology Contest

Kaufman County 4-H Agent Carrie Sharp, Van Zandt 4-H Agent Tommy Phillips and Dr. Brett Scott hosted the Statewide Hippology contest on August 18 & 19, 2006. The contest contained five different parts: Station ID—i.e. Parts of the horse, breeds of horses, leg and face markings, etc; short fill in the blank exam; slide show quiz; one halter class; and one team question. Teams were composed of 3 or 4 members with the lowest score being dropped. Individuals could also compete in this contest; however, they didn’t answer the team problem. This year’s winning team came from Randall County. The team members were Zane Puhar, Jordan Rowan and Kayla Reeves. This team was awarded a trip to the National Western 4-H Roundup in Denver, CO. The second place team was Van Zandt County, team members included Spencer Perkins, Sara Bass, Lauren Foley and Faith Byrd. Christine Karr, Tabitha Taylor, Hannah Ribera and Ellie Ward from Randall County were third in the contest.
## 4-H Horse Record Book Winners

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CONGRATUALTIONS to the 2006 State 4-H Horse Record Book Winner, Joel Farrington, Grimes County in District 9.

## 2007 Rule Book

The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations (AS3-2.043) will undergo some revisions before becoming available early in 2007. Members of the State 4-H Horse Committee have a list of recommendations and suggestions which will be discussed by the State Committee. Following that discussion, and based on edits that have been made throughout the year, a revised rulebook will be published and made available. If you have any questions about the rulebook, contact Brett Scott or Pete Gibbs.
**State Method Demonstration Winners**

Tara Schilling and Zane Pluhar, **Randall County**, were the Champion Demonstration Team at Roundup and qualified for the Southern Regional contests in Montgomery, AL; the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver, CO, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests. The team was unable to attend the Southern Regional Contest. The team of Marta and Max Goerte, **Fannin County** finished 2nd overall and qualified for the Southern Regionals and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests.

Sequin Womack, **Henderson County**, won 1st in Individual Method Demonstration for Horse at Roundup and qualified and participated in the Southern Regionals in Raleigh, N.C. and placed 8th overall. She also qualified for the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver, CO, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests. Alexis Cowan, **Robertson County**, was 2nd at State Roundup and qualified for the Southern Regionals in Montgomery, AL, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH.

**Horse Theft Awareness Education Summary**

During the first 7 months of the year, 45 County Extension Offices have been involved in programs addressing horse theft awareness. A total of 74 programs/demonstrations have been in 40 different county locations and at specialty activities across the state, reaching 5,045 people. In addition, the theft awareness video was converted to DVD and placed on the [http://animalscience.tamu.edu](http://animalscience.tamu.edu) website in June, where it was viewed by 184 people.

The following counties have reported educational activity on this initiative:

- Anderson
- Angelina
- Austin
- Brazoria
- Brazos
- Bastrop
- Bell
- Blanco
- Borden
- Collin
- Crockett
- Delta
- Dewitt
- Fort Bend
- Garza
- Grayson
- Harris
- Harrison
- Haskell
- Hood
- Hopkins
- Kendall
- King
- Lamar
- Liberty
- Mitchell
- Montgomery
- Moore
- Parker
- Red River
- Sabine
- Scurry
- Smith
- Somervell
- Swisher
- Tarrant
- Uvalde
- Washington
- Wichita
- Williamson

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The following workshops and events have included horse theft awareness education:

Rio Grande Region – U.S. Pony Club
ADM Alliance Nutrition Workshop
10th TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop
5th TAMU Performance Horse Workshop
5th TAMU Basic Horse Management 101
Cargill Texas/U.S. Territory Managers’ Workshop
Cargill Kentucky Territory Managers’ Workshop
Cargill Utah Territory Managers’ Update
Purina Horse Owner Workshop
Martindale Feed Dealer Appreciation Seminar at Lone Star Park
Statewide 4-H Calf Roping School
International Conference of Andalusian Horse Owners
44th Texas State 4-H Horse Show
34th TCE Summer Horsemanship School Program (28 counties included in above listing)
13th Law Enforcement Training—Horse Theft Awareness

Outcome Measures – Horse Theft Education

For adult horse owners, a 6 month follow up survey was conducted involving almost 200 participants at 3 educational horse programs. Prior to the program, just over 50% had their horses already permanently identified with either a brand, lip tattoo or microchip.

As a result of the education, 10.9% of horse owners decided to have horses permanently identified. Over 75% obtained current photographs of their horses and assembled a record keeping file. Almost 50% started locking tack and equipment, and recording the VIN number of their horse/livestock trailers. Without exception, all participants reported adoption of at least 1 of the 15 steps to minimize theft.

Only 24% of youth who attended a Summer Horsemanship School Program clinic felt like they already knew how to protect their horses and equipment from theft. As a result of the education on horse theft awareness, 63% said they definitely learned more about how to prevent or minimize chances of theft.
Feed Company Nutrition Workshops

For 15 years now, major feed companies have been looking to Texas A&M’s Equine Section and to Texas Cooperative Extension for in-depth training on horse nutrition and management.

This year, ADM Alliance/Moorman’s, headquartered in Quincy, Illinois, came here once again for a two-day workshop that involved both feed reps and veterinarians, providing CEU credits for the equine practitioners.

In June, Cargill Animal Nutrition brought in 25 territory managers and nutritionists from 10 states and Spain, to Texas A&M, for this annual workshop. A pre-workshop knowledge, post-workshop skills assessment document was used to evaluate the educational impact of the workshop. Participants had a 40% gain in knowledge of specific research-based information related to nutrition for broodmares, young growing horses and performance athletes. Coordinated by Pete G. Gibbs with Cargill’s David Havard, Jim Ward and Roy Johnson, the workshop included a guest presentation by Dr. Katherine Barr of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab.

In July, Martindale Feed Mill called on TCE specialists to make presentations at the Dealer Appreciation Seminar held at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Pete Gibbs and Ron Gill represented TCE at this seminar with presentations on nutrition and livestock handling.

This October, Cargill will conduct their 2nd Annual Equine Symposium for major horse operations in Texas. It will be in College Station and will address topics such as Risk Management Factors for broodmare operations, drought management, best management practices for biosecurity and general herd health. It is being coordinated by Dr. Jim Ward, with involvement by the Animal Science Department’s Equine Science Section, Agricultural Economics and representatives from ranches and pharmaceutical companies.

Stock Horse Class Started at Texas A&M

With so much interest in stock horses, the equine science section has begun a new hands-on lab for students. It is a Stock Horse class, with focus on those aspects of training and riding horses that fit the Stock Horses of Texas Association. Retired Extension Specialist, B.F. Yeates, has agreed to come in and help with the class, as he also serves as Executive Director of SHOT. When Dr. Dennis Sigler arrives on the faculty in October, he will also assist with the class and eventually take lead for the class each semester. The SHOT organization was officially started on March 7, 1996, with significant involvement by Texas Cooperative Extension. This current year, several County Extension Agents and Extension Horse Committees have hosted SHOT Clinics and Shows, seeing strong turnout by participants. Almost all shows have attracted more than 100 exhibitors. The SHOT, and this new lab at Texas A&M, are geared toward education for people who want to learn to do more with a horse and become more competitive in the process.
This year, 6 college students (5 female, 1 male) were hired as Horse Program Assistants and paired up to teach horsemanship schools across Texas. Five of the 6 instructors were new to the program. Twenty-eight schools were conducted in 28 different counties, reaching 11% of the 254 counties in Texas. Twenty counties hosted 2-day schools, while 8 counties hosted 3-day schools.

There were 64 total teaching days that resulted in 512 teaching hours. The program reached 717 different 4-H’ers, parents and volunteers. Average attendance was 25 persons per school, with 14 riders and 9 adults watching. Instructors traveled 5,576 miles, not including inner city mileage, for an average of 7.78 miles per person reached.

Outcome Measures

Evaluations were conducted with participants at 68% of the schools. In summary, over 73% said the clinics ‘definitely’ taught them how to accomplish an advanced maneuver that they were previously unable to do. Over 60% said the clinics ‘definitely’ taught them to make more informed decisions on when and how to ask a horse to perform a maneuver, to ride with more confidence, to feel more competent in riding, to solve a specific problem that they were having prior to the school, and to enjoy their horse more.

Over half of all participants said the horsemanship school helped them better determine and measure daily progress. A complete summary of the evaluation is available upon request. To schedule a horsemanship school for 2007, contact Teri Antilley at (979)-845-1562. Request forms are available in this newsletter.
The Equine Species Working Group (ESWG) submitted revised recommendations for consideration by the NAIS this past month. As most are aware, the proposed system continues to be evaluated and recommendations continue to be adjusted/revised. Currently it appears that there is emphasis on the following:

1) Primary reason for having a NAIS for horses is for disease control.

2) Definition of a premises is determined by the Texas Animal Health Commission, depending on whether or not there is a particular disease concern. The registration of a premises is completely voluntary at this time.

3) Horses having some method of permanent identification at the time a Health Certificate is written. A Health Certificate could not be written without the horse being permanently identified.

4) Recognizing all current forms of equine identification, especially RFID (microchips). Some question as to whether or not brands and lip tattoos will continue to be recognized as an official form of permanent id. For now, they are recognized as one of the forms of permanent identification.

5) The recommended standard is the ISO/ANSI compatible RFID chip (1178/85, 134.2 kHz), regarding electronic identification.

6) When a horse is marketed, the buyer and the seller shall be responsible to report change of ownership based on some form of permanent identification.

7) Routine movement of horses will not be reported.

8) Trace-back, if required due to threat of disease outbreak, will be accomplished using Health Certificate records, which are expected to move to electronic format.

9) Data bases, as developed, must be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in order to guarantee the privacy of horse owners. The organizations/associations that might maintain the databases has not been decided at this time.

10) There should be a gradual phase-in period whereby permanent identification of horses is voluntary, particularly as more research is conducted on technology and as horse owners become more educated about the technology and processes. A specific date for when microchips may be required for horse ownership has not been established.

It appears that the Equine Species Working Group is continuing to encourage USDA to seek and support:

1) Funding for research on strengths and weaknesses of existing technology and reliability of existing and emerging technology, with input from the ESWG.

2) Funding for cooperative agreements that minimize cost of the program to the individual horse owners.

3) Education that enables horse owners to better understand the technology and the system during this voluntary period.
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Equine Reproductive Management Short Course Registration Form

Name_______________________________________________________

Farm or Business Name________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________

City____________________________State________Zip Code_________

Phone (daytime)_____________________(evening)__________________

FAX_________________________E-mail__________________________

Please select preferred dates of attendance

_______ December 6-8, 2006

_______ January 10-12, 2007

Payment Information

Registration fee for each short course is $600 per participant. Please send registration form for each participant. Payment should be made by check payable in US funds to:

TAES Horse Breeder’s School

Mail payment along with this form to:

Department of Animal Science
TAMU 2471
Room 129 Kleberg Center
Animal Science Business Office
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2471
Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

35th Annual
Summer Horsemanship School Program
Summer of 2007

GROUP: __________________ County would like to host a 2007 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in ____________________(town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: **(Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered)**

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2—2nd Choice  
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Scheduling Fee: Please send this form along with a $300.00 check made payable to Department of Animal Science by January 31, 2007. This $300.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining $200.00 balance is due in the Animal Science Business Office April 15, 2007. The deposit will be refundable only in the event that a date cannot be scheduled for your county on one of the four choices marked above. Once the schedule has been finalized and sent to County Extension Agents, there will be no refund of deposit or balance. Complete refunds will be made if a clinic is completely rained out and a rain date cannot be scheduled.

COUNTY CONTACT PERSON

Name: ____________________  Address: ____________________

Phone: ____________________  ____________________

Signature: County Extension Agent  County: ____________________

__________________________  Date form returned: ____________________

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Address______________________
City__________________ State____ Zip____________
Phone____________________ Amount $___________

Please Make Checks Payable to:
Texas A&M University
Department of Animal Science
Attn: Business Office
2471 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2471
2006 Horse Judging Clinic

October 21, 2006

8:30 a.m. – Livestock Arena, Judging Clinic
Texas Tech Campus, Lubbock, Texas

Sponsored by: Texas Cooperative Extension & Texas Tech University

REGISTRATION FORM

This form and your entry fees must be postmarked on or before Friday, October 14, 2006 to avoid late fees.

Mail to: Dr. Kris Wilson
TTU Department of Animal and Food Sciences
Box 42141
Lubbock, TX 79409
Phone: (806) 742-2805 ext. 236

Make check payable to: Texas Tech Collegiate Horsemens
No purchase orders can be accepted

I plan to enter the horse judging clinic with the following number of students:
Total number of students ______ x $10.00 ($15.00 after October 14) = ________________

Total Enclosed

An adult must remain with the teams or individuals throughout the clinic.

4-H Club/FFA Chapter Name: ________________________________
FFA Chapter Number: ________________________________
Coach/Teacher(s): ________________________________

Address:__________________________________________
Street/P.O. Box
City State Zip

County Office/School Phone: ________________________________

Area Code and Number
October 28, 2006
8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Freeman Arena
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX

Pre-register at www.judgingcard.com

The following information may be requested upon registration:

Total number of students: _____ x $7.00 ($10.00 after October 20th)

4-H Club/FFA Chapter Name:

FFA Chapter Number:

Coach/Teacher(s):

Address: ____________________________ Street/P.O. Box

City ____________________________ State ______ Zip Code ______

County Office/School Phone: ____________________________ Area Code and Number

For questions concerning registration, contact Clay Ewell at

For questions concerning the Workshop, contact Teri Antilley at
tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or 979-845-1562.
2007 Equine Workshops - Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas

11\textsuperscript{th} Annual Mare/Foal Management Workshop - February 20\textsuperscript{th} & 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2007
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Trade Show Will Be Present All Three Days

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**Demonstration of Stock Horse of Texas Program**

**Registration Form**
Please indicate Your Choice(s)

- [ ] Mare/Foal Management - $75.00
- [ ] Horse Management 101 - $75.00
- [ ] Both Workshops - $100.00

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Phone: ___________________ Email: ___________________

One Registration Form per Person

Attach check made payable to: Animal Science Department Mail to: Business Office Animal Science Dept. – 2471 TAMU – College Station, Tx 77843
Registration Fee includes two light breakfasts, two noon meals and all printed materials.