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44th Annual State 4-H Horse Show — Huge Success

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.

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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. Sigler'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. Sigler 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

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 Horsemen's, 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**.



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 m-vogelsang@tamu.edu or call 979-845-7731. Space will be limited.

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.

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>,

choose the Equine Science link and follow to Equine Workshops.

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 at-

tended 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 Pluhar, 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

<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1	Moore	Shasta Dickey
2	Swisher	Hillary Finck
3	Motley	John Russell
4	Collin	Kaylyn Burd
5	Angelina	Hillary Braden
6	Pecos	Brazos Peacock
7	Brown	Kayla Turner
8	Robertson	Alexis Cowan
9	Grimes	Joel Farrington
10	Kinney	Bailee Allen
11	Matagorda	Johanna Hansen
12	La Salle	Kelsey Weeks



2007 Rule Book

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

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 Regionals 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> 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	Horse Breeder’s School
ADM Alliance Nutrition Workshop	Animal Science 420
10 th TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop	Student Chapter—AAEP
5 th TAMU Performance Horse Workshop	Animal Science 318
5 th TAMU Basic Horse Management 101	Horse Nutrition Class
Cargill Texas/U.S. Territory Managers’ Workshop	Introduction to Horses—201
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	
44 th Texas State 4-H Horse Show	
34 th TCE Summer Horsemanship School Program (28 counties included in above listing)	
13 th 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 indepth 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 prac-

tices 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 at-

tracted 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.

34th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

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.

Over the 34 years, 1,172 schools have been conducted, reaching 42,315 youth, parents and volunteers. The program represents 3,434 teaching days, for a total of 27,472 teaching hours. There have been 191 different instructors (145 female, 46 male) who have served as Horse Program Assistants.

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.

Update on the Proposed NAIS as Pertains to Horses

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.

Calendar of Events—Remainder of 2006		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Sept 20	Horse Judging Team Coaches Workshop—Pearce Pavilion	Clay Cavinder, 979—845-7731
Sept 25	American Horse Council Issues Forum—Austin	Kerry Thompson, 202-296-4031
Oct 7	H.O.T. Horse Judging Contest-Waco for more information go to www.hotfair.com	Donald Klem, 254-757-5180
Oct 7-8	TQHA Novice Clinic and Show—TAMU Freeman Arena	Anne Feary, 512-458-5202
Oct 14	Pre-registration Deadline-Statewide Practice Judging Workshop-Lubbock	Brett D. Scott, 979-845-1562
Oct 17	How Important is Hay? Burleson Co.	CEA Dusty Tittle, 979-567-2308
Oct 20	Pre-registration Deadline-Statewide Practice Judging Workshop-College Station	Clay Ewell cewell@www.JudgingCard.com
Oct 21	Statewide Practice Horse Judging Workshop—Lubbock	Brett Scott, 979-845-1562
Oct 24-26	Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett, 254-823-6860
Oct 27-28	2nd Annual Cargill Equine Symposium—College Station	Dr. Jim Ward, 979-251-4000
Oct 28	Aggie Fest Fall Horse Judging Workshop-TAMU	Teri Antilley, 979-845-1562
Nov 8	New/Small Land Owners-Horse Program—Odessa	CEA Wade Kirkwood 432-558-3522
Nov 18	Bexar Co. Horse Judging Contest—Seguin	John Farrell 210-213-6459 j.d.farrell@att.net
Dec 1	Entry Deadline—San Antonio Stock Show Horse Quiz Bowl Contest—Rose Palace	Stock Show 210-225-0575
Dec 1	Entry Deadline—San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest —Rose Palace	Stock Show 210-225-0575
Dec 1	Entry Deadline—Ft. Worth Stock Show Senior Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show 817-877-2400 or www.fwssr.com
Dec 1	Entry Deadline—Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show 832-667-1000 or www.rodeohouston.com
Dec 6-8	TAMU Horse Breeders' School—TAMU	Martha Vogelsang, 979-845-7731
Dec 9	Fort Bend Co. Horse Judging Contest—Rosenberg	Cynthia Voskamp, 281-343-8836
Dec 16-17	Texas State 4-H Youth Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett, 254-823-6860

Calendar of Events—Looking Ahead to 2007		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 6	Montgomery Co. Horse Judging Contest—Conroe (Lone Star Expo)	Michelle Warren, 936-539-7823
Jan 10-12	TAMU Horse Breeders School	Martha Vogelsang, 979-845-7731
Jan 13	TETRA Annual Meeting—Killeen	Barbara McKnight
Jan 16	B.I.G. Horse Program—Waco	Will Kiker, CEA, 254-757-5180
Jan 20	Johnson Co. Horse Judging Contest—Cleburne	Ed Bader, 817-447-1704
Jan 22-23	Horse Feed Manufacturers Workshop—ADM/Moorman's—TAMU	Pete Gibbs, 979-845-1542
Jan 31	Request Deadline for a Summer Horsemanship School	Pete Gibbs, 979-845-1542 or Teri Antilley, 979-845-1562
Feb 3	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest—Coliseum 8:30 a.m. See December 1 entry deadline.	Stock Show, 817-877-2400 www.fwssr.com
Feb 8	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest—Rose Palace. See December 1 entry deadline.	Stock Show, 210-225-0575
Feb 9	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl. See December 1 entry deadline.	Stock Show, 210-225-0575
Feb 20-21	11th TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop—College Station (Trade Show)	Pete Gibbs, 979-845-1542 or Martha Vogelsang, 979-845-1562
Feb 21-22	6th Horse Management 101 Workshop—College Station (Trade Show)	Brett D. Scott, 979-845-1562
Mar 2	Matagorda County Open Youth Horse Judging Contest	Brent Batchelor, 979-245-4100
Mar 7	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest. See December 1 entry deadline	Stock Show 832-667-1000 or www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 24	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest—College Station	Pete G. Gibbs, 979-845-1542
Mar 27	Urban Rancher Horse Program—Brazoria County	CEA Corrie Bowen, 979-864-1558
April/ May-TBA	State 4-H Adult Leader Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett, 254-823-6860
May 1	Deadline for 4-H Futurity Horse Nominations to CEA office (for 4-H'ers Nominating Yearling Halter, Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Pleasure and 3-Year-Old Stock Horse Projects)	CEA Offices
May 1	Deadline for Owning and Certifying 4-H Horse Projects	CEA Offices
May 6	Deadline for DEA's to Mail Futurity Nominations to Horse Specialist Office	Horse Specialists, 979-845-1562
May/June	35 th Annual Statewide Summer Horsemanship School Program	See January 31 Deadline
July 21-28	44 th Texas State 4-H Horse Show—Abilene	Brett D. Scott or Pete G. Gibbs 979-845-1562

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*)

1—1st Choice

3—3rd Choice

2—2nd Choice

4—4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Fri/Sat</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon/Tues</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Wed/Thurs</u>
_____	May 25, 26*	_____	May 28, 29*	_____	May 30, 31*
_____	June 1, 2	_____	June 4, 5	_____	June 6, 7
_____	June 8, 9	_____	June 11, 12	_____	June 13, 14
_____	June 15, 16	_____	June 18, 19	_____	June 20, 21
_____	June 22, 23	_____	June 25, 26	_____	June 27, 28
_____	June 29, 30				

*please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high school are not in session before requesting these dates.

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: _____

Return to: Department of Animal Science/Business Office—2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2471

Three-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*)

1—1st Choice

3—3rd Choice

2—2nd Choice

4—4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon-Wed</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Thurs-Sat</u>
_____	May 28, 29, 30	_____	May 24, 25, 26*
_____	June 4, 5, 6	_____	May 31, June 1, 2
_____	June 11, 12, 13	_____	June 7, 8, 9
_____	June 18, 19, 20	_____	June 14, 15, 16
_____	June 25, 26, 27	_____	June 21, 22, 23
_____		_____	June 28, 29, 30

*please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high school are not in session before requesting these dates.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: County Extension Agent

County: _____

Date form returned: _____

Return to: Department of Animal Science/Business Office—2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2471



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

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

In Lubbock

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

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AGGIEFEST

Horse Judging Workshop

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
cewell@www.JudgingCard.com.

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

11th Annual Mare/Foal Management Workshop - February 20th & 21st, 2007

6th Annual Horse Management 101 Workshop - February 21st & 22nd, 2007

Trade Show Will Be Present All Three Days

February 20 th	February 21 st	February 22 nd
<p>Mare/Foal Management Workshop</p> <p>Day 1 Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broodmare Cost Analysis Broodmare Nutrition The Estrous Cycle Signs of Foaling Moderate vs. Rapid Foal Growth Foal Handling & Neonatal Care Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention Update on National Animal ID - Horses <p><i>For more information contact: Dr. Pete Gibbs – 979.845.1562</i></p>	<p>Mare/Foal Management Workshop</p> <p>Day 2 Topics</p> <p>Horse Management 101 Workshop</p> <p>Day 1 Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estrus Detection Foaling Predictors Body Condition Scoring Weight Estimation Physical and Chemical Restraint First Aid Handling & Safety Forage Selection & Hay Quality Conformation Evaluation Dentistry Branding & Microchipping Hoof Care <p>Demonstration of Stock Horse of Texas Program <i>(cut here)</i></p>	<p>Horse Management 101 Workshop</p> <p>Day 2 Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities Design and Equipment Basic Management Tools General Health & Immunizations Feeding Management Basic Conditioning Principles Heart Rate Monitor Demonstrations Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention Update on National Animal ID - Horses <p><i>For more information contact: Dr. Brett Scott – 979.845.1562</i></p>

Registration Form

Please Indicate Your Choice(s)

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

One Registration Form per Person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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.