

Horse Power Newsletter

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To: County Extension Agents

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46th Annual State 4-H Horse Show — Huge Success

The 46th annual State 4-H Horse Show was held in Abilene, Texas on July 19-26, 2008 at the Taylor County Expo Center. Many thanks go out to Mr. Tony McMillian, his staff and host CEA's Kit Horne, and Robert Pritz for helping make this show a high quality event for the 4-H'ers and their families.

4-H'ers from 154 counties cross Texas were entered in the how this year. A total of 810 -H'ers entered 1020 horses. That combination of 4-H'ers and horses resulted in over 2720 number of points in each of entries in the horse show.

The High Point Winners in each of the Six Divisions are isted below: Stock Horse Divi-

sion-Zinn Lindsey, Stonewall Co.; Roping Division: Tye Thompson, Stephens Co.; Hunter Flat Division-Tabatha Taylor, Randall Co.; Hunter Fences Division-Chris Hornback, Yoakum Co.; Timed Event Division-Ashton Rutkowski, Haskell Co.; Western Judged Division—Cheyenne Guelker, Mitchell Co.

For the seventh year, Wrangler has awarded \$700 scholarships to the 4-H'er that accumulates the greatest the six divisions at the State Horse show. The winners were: Stock Horse—Jay Ray Sageser, Hale Co.; Roping-Saul Cardona, II, Mav-

erick Co.; Hunter Flat - Ashlee Copeland, Bastrop Co.; Hunter Fences-Katherine Stiegel, Bexar Co.; Timed-Jamie Letbetter, Walker Co.; and Western-Chelsea Campbell, Deaf Smith Co.

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

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.

The 47th— 51st State 4-H Horse Shows will be held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University Systems, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.





Cargill Animal Nutrition

Education and Awards Enhancement Sponsor—2008

Cargill Animal Nutrition, known throughout Texas for the major brand names ACCO and Nutrena, again served as Education and Awards enhancement Sponsor for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. A combined effort by the Cargill Foundation and the South Texas and Southwest Districts, has resulted in expanded recognition for 4-Hers. Cargill increased their previous sponsorship by over 35% in direct support of this show for this three year commitment up through 2008.

Some of this support is easily recognized by new and nicer buckles for 1st through 10th place in both the open and qualifying divisions of the show. 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 again in 2008. For more information about Cargill Animal Nutrition: www.cargillanimalnutrition.com

Tony Lama Boot Company...via efforts of Kelly Riley in Fort Worth has once again do-

nated 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 roping, 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.

State Horse Show Buckle Sponsors

The Texas 4-H Horse Program would like to thank the following individuals/groups for their support of the State 4-H Horse Show. These individuals/groups sponsored buckles that were presented at the 2008 State Show. These individuals/groups, in addition to our corporate sponsors make this a tremendous activity for Texas 4-H'ers. If you are interested in sponsoring a buckle for the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show, please complete the attached form and return to the address listed on the form.

Kenny and Jennifer Dickerson—Champion, Western Pleasure; Peg Smith—Champion, Grade Gelding; Laura Cannon—Champion, Trail; Hinkle Insulation & Dry Wall Company, Inc—Champion, Reining; Dale's Welding Service—Reserve Champion, Reining; Fayette 4-H Horse Project—Champion, Showmanship; Kirk and Maureen Morris—Champion, Western Riding; Pat and Jessie Schneider—Reserve Champion, Working Cow Horse; Kirby and Andra Wisian—Stock Horse Division; Frontier Trophy Buckles—Ten Buckles; The Hickerson Family—Champion, Working Cow Horse, *In memory of Alisa Porter Hickerson;* The Young Family—Champion, 3-Yr-Old Stock Horse, *In memory of Katie Young, and* Frontier Trophy Buckles.

CEAs & Supporters Recognized at State Show

CEA Zac Wilcox, Nolan County, received an appreciation buckle for his involvement on the State Horse Show Management Team over the past decade. Zac continues to be one of those team members who helps with various parts of the show, and his involvement is certainly appreciated.

Tony McMillan, General Manager, Expo Center of Taylor County, was given a 20-year plaque for his direct work with and support of the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. With a new 5year commitment, the Management Team looks forward to working with Tony and the Expo Center staff as the State Show is held in Abilene through 2013.

State 4-H Horse Show Introduces New Class

A new class aimed at increased opportunities for boys and girls with horses used for ranch and cow-related work was introduced this year. The Stock Horse Trail class had 90 entries. Riders competed on a preliminary course and the top riders were asked to come back and ride a finals pattern. Both courses were challenging and fun for the competitors. The winner of this class was Mary King, Pecos County. Several Board of Director members from the Stock Horse of Texas Association assisted with this class. Mr. B.F. Yeates, executive director for SHOT was one of the judges for this inaugural event.

New Dates for 2009 State 4-H Horse Show

The 47th Annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show will be held July 26—August 1, 2009. Look for the complete schedule in the

January-April edition of the CEA Horse Newsletter.

State Method Demonstration & Public Speaking Winners

Lydia Holt, **Montgomery** County, was 1st at State Roundup and qualified for the Southern Regionals in Memphis, TN, the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH and the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver. Tanessa Cowan, **Robertson County,** was 1st in Individual Method Demonstration for Horse at Roundup and qualified and participated in the Southern Regionals in Memphis, TN. She also qualified for the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver, CO, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests.

Jason and Joel Farrington, Grimes County, were the Champion Demonstration Team at Roundup and qualified for the Southern Regionals in Lexington, VA, the National Western 4-H Classic in Denver, CO, and the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH contests.

Texas 4-H Horse Mentor Training Program

The Texas 4-H Horse Mentor Training will take place in the South Region during early December 2008. The primary purpose of the program is to train horse project leaders to provide support to new 4-H horse project members (families in 1-3 years of participation in horse project area). The training will provide these project leaders with a valuable set of resources from which to build and support families in their county who are new to the 4-H horse program. The Mentor Training may also provide support for other activities and county 4-H horse program as requested by agents. The requirement for a 4-H Mentor is to participate in 20 hours of approved training and then provide 50 hours of "pay back" volunteer time in their local 4-H program under the supervision of the local County Extension Agent.

The training is targeted for adult project leaders that are approved by their local County Extension Agent. The training will focus on two central themes, training volunteers in youth development and horse project subject matter, in order to better support the program in your county. Participants must complete the entire course, in order to meet eligibility requirements to become a Texas 4-H Horse Mentor candidate. Upon successful completion of candidacy, volunteers will be eligible for Mentor status.

Topics to be included in the Horse Mentor Training will include:

What is a Master Volunteer?	Project Selection and Maintenance
Value of Youth 4-H Projects and Challenges	Horse Health
Overview of the Horse Industry	Disciplines and Activities Involving 4-H Horse Projects
Facilities	Feeding and Nutrition
Handling and Safety	Curriculum and Educational Resources
4-H Horse Project – Activities -Riding and Non-Riding	Proper Equipment and Attire for 4-H Horse Project
Live Evaluation and Conformation	Horse Theft Prevention
Horsemanship Clinics/Curriculum	

Please check with your local county extension agent for more details concerning this activity.

2009 TAMU Horse Short Course—May 2nd

Mark your calendars and hold May 2nd, 2009. You will not want to miss the 2009 TAMU Horse Short Course. This event will be held on the Texas A&M University Campus. We are planning a day filled with lectures, demonstrations and exciting speakers that will deliver the most up-to-date information regarding horse management, conditioning, health and training. Speakers will include faculty from the University and some of the most well known horse industry personnel.

Look for more information in the January 2009 CEA Horse Newsletter.

Judging Workshops Target Coaches and Youth in Texas

The second year of Aggieland Youth Horse Judging Camps resulted in 100 boys and girls learning a great deal more about horse evaluation and oral reasons. The camps are a joint effort between the Equine Science Section's teaching component and Texas AgriLife Extension. Organized by Dr. Clay Cavinder and members of the Collegiate Horse Judging Team, the two schools in July reached youth from youth from 27 counties. Evaluations documented that these camps produced knowledge gains by participants in 7 performance and halter class categories, resulted in increased confidence as pertains to decision making and increased level of comfort related to preparation and delivery of reasons via public speaking.

CEA Program Support

The cost and availability of hay for horses continues to prompt many phone calls about meeting the roughage requirements of horses. Publication B-5033 – Selection and Use of Hay and Processed Roughage in Horse Feeding, is available online at <u>http://</u> <u>animalscience.tamu.edu</u> at the horse page, under publications.

Older horses often come with a variety of challenges for their owners. Some of the special conditions associated with senior and geriatric aged horses are detailed in publication B-6161-

Mature, Senior and Geriatric Horses: Management, Care and Use.

Also available online, this publication has a two-page table that addresses numerous situations in the management of certain horses.

Keep your eyes open for a new publication that will be available soon. Best Management Practices for Equine Disease Prevention is a publication that addresses numerous diseases that are commonly associated with horses. Vaccination programs and bio-security measures are covered in this publication. In addition, several diseases are discussed with regard to transmission and their classification. Vaccines and their classification as "core" or "non-core" are covered and recommended vaccination schedules are presented. This publication should be available later this fall.

Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop—College Station

November 15, 2008 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 only. Participants will have the opportunity 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 \$10.00 per participant, by November 12, 2008. For those that register after November 12, 2008, the fee will be \$15.00 per person. To preregister, go online at <u>www.JudgingCard.com</u>. Make checks payable to Clay Ewell Educational Services. Mail to: **Clay Ewell Educational Ser-** vices, PO Box 3791, College Station, TX 77844-3791. The registration requires one consolidated entry per county. For questions regarding registration, contact Clay Ewell at 979-845-7616 or <u>CE-</u> well@JudgingCard.com.

For information about the workshop, contact Teri Antilley at 979-845-1562.

Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic

The15th Annual Cow Horse Clinic is set for October 21-23, 2008 in Abilene. 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 13-14, 2008 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 12, 2008. The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13. 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 2008 Adult Reining Clinic, contact Vicki Hoggett at (254) 823-6860.

Statewide Adult Reining Clinic

The annual Texas State Youth Reining Horse Clinic for 4-H Adult Leaders will be held April 28-30, 2009 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas.

Adults wishing to attend must be interested or involved in working with youth in the Horse program in their county or district. You don't need a finished reining horse. This program is designed to cover three aspects: Training the reining horse, riding and competing, and sharing this and other knowledge with youth in the horse program.

This clinic is a project of the Texas State 4-H Horse committee.

For further information on this

youth reining clinic or the 2008 Adult Reining Clinic, contact Vicki Hoggett at (254) 823-6860.

Horse Breeder's Schools

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 3-5, 2008 and Jan 14-16, 2009. 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.

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 eight State 4-H Horse Shows via a Scholarship program for senioraged 4Her's. This year, a total of \$4200 in scholarship money was awarded to five state show contestants enrolled in a college, trade school or university.

Futurity Rule Reminder

Attention: This is a reminder that will be in effect for the 2009 Texas 4-H Horse Show. 4-H'ers validating a futurity project horse must be at least 12 years old. This means that on August 31st, 2008, 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 2009.

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

Randall County was the winning team this year at the State 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest. The team members were Zane Pluhar, Hannah Ribera, Christine Carr and Tabatha Taylor. The team was coached by Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Pluhar. By winning this contest, Randall County qualified to represent Texas 4-H at the Southern Reaionals, the AQHYA World Show, and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. The team traveled to Oklahoma City, OK to compete at the AQHYA World Show contest in the 4-H/ FFA Division. Jason Farrington, Grimes County, replaced Tabatha Taylor for this contest. They finished 3rd overall in the contest, and Jason Farrington was 4th high overall individual.

Kendall 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 Melissa Jesurun, Katelyn Marshall, Hayley Smith and Jaclyn Stuart. This team traveled to Lexington, Virginia to attend the Southern Regional contest and placed 6th overall. Jason Farrington, Grimes County, replaced Melissa Jesurun on this team. **Johnson 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 Thomas Huff, Holly Dane, Melanie McCoy and Madison Simmons.

Bexar and Brazos Counties were 4th and 5th at the State 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest this past summer. The team members that represented **Bexar County** were Karissa Milu, Kristen Liesman and Kathryn Hodges. **Brazos County** team members were Piper Cain, Brittany Williams and Derby Jones.

Texas 4-H'ers Represent Texas 4-H at Southern Regionals

Brazos County 4-H'ers earned an opportunity to represent Texas at the 2008 Southern Regional 4-H Championship in Lexington, Virginia. Those team members were Piper Cain, Brittany Williams and Derby Jones. Joel Farrington, **Grimes County** and Sarah Claughton, **Comal County**, were members of the team that competed at the Southern Regionals. They placed 3rd in the Halter division, 8th in the Performance Division, 4th in Reasons and 4th Overall. Sarah Claughton, was 9th high individual in the contest.

Kendall County, team members included Jaclyn Stuart, Katelyn Marshall, Haley Smith and Jason Farrington, finished 6th overall at the Southern Regional contest.

Montgomery County 4-H'er Lydia Holt presented the 1st place horse public speech at State Roundup and placed 7th at the Southern Regional contest.

One 4-H family hauled their horses to the Southern Regional horse show. 4-H'ers from 13 states were represented at the show. Texas 4-H'ers are always very successful at the show.

Jefferson County, 4-H'er Shelby Elkins, exhibited her horse An Awesome Zip to a Reserve Championship finish in Stock Type Geldings.

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 **Johnson County** team members Margaret Woodley, Sarah Woodley, Lydia Hogan and Hana Huff represented Texas Quarter Horse at the AQHYA World Show Contest in the AQHYA division. This team finished 3rd overall. Sarah Woodley and Margaret Woodley were 7th and 9th overall, respectively. The other team that represented Texas at the AQHYA World Show contest was from **Bexar County**. Team members included Karissa Milu, Sarah Sell and Katie Hodges.

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide

The 4-H Horse Judging Guide has been revised by Teri Antilley and Clay Cavinder, and the new title is the Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide (AS1-2.120). The guide includes lesson plans for judging halter and performance classes and for the preparation of reasons, as well as a section on media resources available. Also included are worksheets that the youth can take home for extra practice. The Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide is available for purchase through the TCE Bookstore for the price of \$25 per copy. Paper copies, ready to put in a 3-ring binder, are currently available, and copies on a CD are available. If you go to http://tcebookstore.org and search for Horse, it should pop up. Please inform all of your adult leaders about this beneficial resource. For more information about the leader guide, contact Teri Antilley at 979-845-1562 or tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu.

Winners of the State Hippology Contest

Kaufman County 4-H Agent, Carrie Sharp, Van Zandt County 4-H Agent, Tommy Phillips and Dr. Brett Scott hosted the Statewide Hippology contest on August 30th, 2008. 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. This year's winning Senior team came from Tarrant County Wranglers. The team members were Kim Panther, Shaina Burgess, Grady Bruton and Katie Leonard. This team was awarded a trip to the National Western 4-H Roundup in Denver, CO. The second place team was **Johnson County.** Team members included Matthew Reed, Keeley McCrady, Jenifer Taylor and Darylann Reed. DJ Nellis, Brooke Hayward, Kayla Phillips and Brittni Bailey from **Hopkins County** were third in the contest. Logan Pluhar, **Randall County,** was the high individual in the senior contest.

Johnson County won the junior

division of the contest. Team members were Tylo Bader, Trevor Reed, Kendall Hogan and Brianna Hogg. **Wood County** was second place in the junior division. Team members were Happy Goodson, Gracen Daniel, Ricki Sims and Cyunthia Ojeda. **Kaufman County** 4-H'ers Kati Hale, Marly St. Clair and Nathan Stibbens finished 3rd in the junior division. Kendall Hogan, **Johnson County,** was the high individual in the junior contest.

Thanks to Scurry-Roser High School for the use of their facility.

36th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

This year, 11 college students (10 female, 1 male) were hired as Horse Program Assistants and partnered up to teach horsemanship schools across Texas. Seven of the 11 instructors were new to the program. Forty-three schools were conducted in 43 different counties, reaching 16.9 % of the 254 counties in Texas. Thirty counties hosted 2-day schools, while 13 counties hosted 3-day schools. There were 99 total teaching days that resulted in 792 teaching hours. The program reached 1,205 different 4-Hers, parents and volunteers. Average attendance was 28 persons per school, with 18 riders and 10 adults watching. Instructors traveled 9,944.9 miles, not including inner city mileage, for an average of 8.25 miles per

person reached.

Over the 36 years, 1,251 schools have been conducted, reaching 44,546 youth, parents and volunteers. The program represents 3,615 teaching days, for a total of 28,920 teaching hours. There have been 208 different instructors (161 female, 48 male) who have served as Horse Program Assistants.

Outcome Measures – Summer Horsemanship School Program

67% "Definitely" learned more about how to protect their horse and equipment from theft ; 68% "Definitely" could do one or more advanced maneuvers that they were previously unable to do; 62% "Definitely" could make more informed decisions on when/how to ask their horse to perform a task;
63% "Definitely" could ride with more confidence;
63% "Definitely" could solve a problem they were having before the clinic; **69%** "Definitely" felt more competent in working their horse; **69%** "Definitely" enjoyed their horse more.

37th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools

Due to the increased cost in travel, the 37th Annual Summer Horsemanship School fees will be increased for 2009. The schools still remain a great value for the amount of time and instruction given to participants. For 2009, the table below provides information on the approximate amount that should be charged to each youth or adult rider, depending upon the amount of riders that attend. We recognize that counties utilize different methods of paying for the schools. The table below should be helpful to those counties that pay the cost with user

fees.

It should be noted that, although a large number of participants are youth riders, adult riders are welcome and encouraged to participate in the schools. Counties are highly encouraged to team-up with neighboring counties, if they do not have enough riders to fill the school. Maximum attendance is suggested to be 30 riders, in order to maintain a good student to instructor ratio.

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2009 are located in the back of the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by January 31, 2009. The remaining balance of \$830.00 for a 2day school and \$1030.00 for a 3day school is due by May 15, 2009. Remember that all youth, parents, and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to be horseback at the schools. For questions or more information, please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at 979-845-5264 or tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu. Additional information can be found on the website http:// animalscience.tamu.edu/main/

Number of Riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 2-day school	Number of Riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 3-day school
30	\$38.00	30	\$45.00
20	\$57.00	20	\$67.00
10	\$115.00	10	\$135.00

State 4-H Record Book Winners

<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	Winner
1	Randall	Tabatha Taylor
2	Swisher	Reina Lewis
3	Dickens	Kelsey Stokes
4	Collin	Elizabeth Springer
5	Rusk	Hillary King
6	Pecos	Kolby Kothman
7	Coleman	Gary Heath
8	Hamilton	Mary Schooler
9	Grimes	Jason Farrington
10	Bexar	Sarah Sell
11	Bee	Jace Rothlisberger
12	Cameron	Georgia Loop



CONGRATUALTIONS to the 2008 State 4-H Horse Record Book Winner, Mary Schooler, Hamilton County in District 8.

2009 Rule Book

The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations (AS3-2.043) will undergo some revisions before becoming available early in 2009. 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.

Fielding Calls About Compromised Horses

There have been reports from various organizations and societies about neglected horses. Unfortunately, horses receiving inadequate nutrition and overall health care represent an unintended consequence of the ban on horse slaughter. Horses become compromised when owners are unable to provide for them, a situation made worse due to the drought and escalating feed/hay prices. However, the primary reason for any increases in neglected horses is a direct result of the lack of a market for unwanted horses. While horses are currently being transported out of the country, they are being purchased for a mere fraction of the salvage value that existed when Texas had two slaughter facilities in operation. This disruption in the market structure has created a situation, that when combined with current hay/grazing issues, and the cost to keep a horse, causes some horses to be abandoned or ignored by owners.

Texas AgriLife Extension personnel recognize and respect the varying opinions that exist about the topic of horse slaughter, and have been careful to provide objective information in the midst of this controversial issue. County Extension offices will likely receive calls about horses that appear overly thin, emaciated, or kept in pastures that are bare without evidence of supplemental feed supply in the form of hay or grain. When such calls are received, we in Extension can best satisfy the request by referring people to the local sheriff's department. This law enforcement association can make preliminary determinations and contact other groups/ associations as necessary.

H.R. 6278—Horse Transportation Safety Act 2008

This bill is in the first step in the legislative process. The bill has been introduced to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another. In General-Chapter 805 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: 'Sec. 80505. Transportation of horses

'(a) Prohibition- No person may transport, or cause to be transported, a horse from a place in a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States through or to a place in another State, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

(b) Civil Penalty- A person that knowingly violates this section is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of at least \$100 but not more than \$500 for each violation. A separate violation occurs under this section for each horse that is transported, or caused to be transported, in violation of this section. On learning of a violation, the Attorney General shall bring a civil action to collect the penalty in the district court of the United States for the judicial district in which the violation occurred or the defendant resides or does business.

'(c) Motor Vehicle Defined- In

this section, the term 'motor vehicle' means a vehicle driven or drawn by mechanical power and manufactured primarily for use on public highways, but does not include a vehicle operated exclusively on a rail or rails.

'(d) Relationship to Other Laws- The penalty provided under this section shall be in addition to a penalty or remedy available under any other law or common law.'

Last Action: Jun 17, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Thoroughbred Safety Committee Report

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee, with endorsements and pledged cooperation from many prominent national organizations in the Thoroughbred industry, announced that it is recommending the elimination of steroids in race training and racing, a ban on toe grabs, and a series of whip-related reforms, all aimed at improving safety and integrity in Thoroughbred racing.

These are just the first recommendations emanating from the committee, which was formed and announced by The Jockey Club on May 8.

The committee has scheduled additional meetings over the next 60 days to investigate and discuss additional recommendations on other critical issues, including the use of therapeutic medications, illegal drugs and prohibited practices; substantially increased penalties, including lifetime suspensions, for major rule violations; best practices and accreditation standards for drug testing laboratories; more research on the safety factors associated with all racing surfaces — dirt, synthetic and turf; and breeding and training of Thoroughbreds.

"Steroids, toe grabs and whip issues were all first identified at our Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits," said Stuart S. Janney III, chairman of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee. "After closely examining each of them in detail and talking to many individuals with expertise in each area over the past several weeks, we feel strongly that these recommendations and actions will enhance the health and safety of both our equine and human athletes and further ensure the integrity of our sport. Numerous industry organizations have already expressed strong support for these recommendations, and we look forward to collaborating with them to get these changes implemented."

In regard to steroids, the committee calls for: The immediate adoption by all North American racing authorities of the RCI Model Rule on Androgenic Anabolic Steroids that was based on Racing Medication and Testing Consortium recommendations, which effectively eliminate the use of all anabolic steroids in the race training and racing of Thoroughbreds; All North American racing authorities to implement the model rule no later than December 31, 2008.

In regard to shoes and hoof care, the committee calls for: An immediate ban on toe grabs other than 2-millimeter wear plates, turn downs, jar caulks, stickers and any other traction devices worn on the front shoes of Thoroughbred horses while racing or training on all racing surfaces. The Association of Racing Commissioners' International (RCI) and all North American racing authorities to implement this ban by rule as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2008, and for all racetracks to consider immediately implementing this ban by "house rule" in the interim.

In regard to use of the whip or riding crop, the committee recommends that: Only riding crops approved by the RCI Model Rules Committee, in consultation with the Jockeys' Guild, be allowed in flat racing, several specifications and new rules be initiated, including one regarding mandatory shock-absorbing characteristics, as well as the prohibition of striking a horse with the arm [raised] above shoulder height; horses be subject to an inspection after each race by a regulatory or track veterinarian who will report his or her findings to the stewards, the Association of Racing Commissioners' International (RCI) and all North American racing authorities adopt these amendments to the RCI Model Rule on "use of the whip" as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2008.

In addition to Janney, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee includes John Barr, James G. (Jimmy) Bell, Dr. Larry Bramlage, Donald R. Dizney, Dell Hancock and Dr. Hiram C. Polk Jr. Each is a member of The Jockey Club.

The Jockey Club, founded in 1894 and dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, is the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds. The Jockey Club fulfills that longstanding commitment by serving the industry through its family of companies and by providing support and leadership on a wide range of important industry initiatives.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Making a Comeback to Florida

More than 50 horses have died statewide this year from the worst outbreak in recent summers of an infection caught from mosquitoes. No human has gotten the illness, but the state confirmed 56 cases of Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in horses as of early July 2008. For comparison, there were 18 cases in horses during all of 2007, and 17 in 2006.

The condition is caused by the Eastern equine encephalitis virus, which can be carried by mosquitoes and passed to people or animals through bites. EEE always exists at some level in Florida's abundant insect population, but it tends to peak in July and August. At its worst, the virus can lead to a brain infection called encephalitis. Florida hasn't had a human case of Eastern equine encephalitis since 2005, and has been fairly infrequent for horses.

Animals have an advantage over people since they can be vaccinated. In normal circumstances, horses should be immunized for Eastern equine every 6 months, said Dr. Erin Denney-Jones, a Lake County veterinarian. However, during an outbreak such as Florida is experiencing, vets recommend a shot every 4 months. The vaccine doesn't give complete protection, but cuts the chances significantly.

The economy may be contributing to the outbreak. Eastern equine vaccines are relatively inexpensive, but it is illegal in the state of Florida for anyone, other than a veterinarian, to administer the shots, and people may not have the cash to pay for a veterinarian visit. "We send out reminders when it's time for vaccinations," Denney-Jones said, "and we're definitely not getting as many people responding" this year.

First Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Confirmed in Tennessee

State officials say Tennessee's first confirmed case of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) has been reported in Carroll County. The state departments of Agriculture and Health are urging horse owners to protect the animals from mosquitoes and to review vaccination records for encephalitis and other mosquito-borne diseases including West Nile virus.

The disease can kill up to 90 percent of the horses infected with the virus. Humans cannot

contract these viral infections directly from infected horses. Horse owners should be aware of signs of EEE and consult veterinarians if a horse develops signs associated with the disease. Signs include unsteadiness, erratic behavior and a marked loss of coordination. The virus responsible for EEE attacks the central nervous system of a horse. Onset is abrupt, and horse cases are almost always fatal. There is no effective treatment for horses, and seizures; resulting in death, usually occur within 48 to 72 hours of an animal's first indications of illness.

There is an effective vaccine available for horses and is generally coupled with that for West Nile virus. Consequently, horse owners should protect their animals from more than one disease at the same time.

Horse Feed Industry Workshops

Cargill Animal Nutrition brought 30 Territory Managers from 14 states, Korea and Canada to campus for hands-on training in horse nutrition and management. The largest knowledge gains were in solving feedrelated problems, mineral nutrition and bio-security. Highest exit scores for knowledge gain were in problem solving, feeding young horses, broodmares and performance horse nutrition. Knowledge gain averaged 25 percentage points or 46%. Across participants, 71% classified change in competence as a definite increase. Campusbased instructors were A.C. 'Cat' Barr, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, Dave Golden, Horse Operations Manager, Dennis Sigler, Horse Section Leader and Pete Gibbs, Horse Specialist. Special thanks to Cargill's David Havard, Roy Johnson and Dr. Jim Ward for bringing these managers in for this annual workshop. This was the 12th consecutive year for this workshop and the 17th year that Extension has been involved in

direct education for various feed companies. Cargill just completed the 6th straight year of support for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show as Education and Award Enhancement sponsor.

Martindale Feed Mill conducted a dealer update at Lone Star Horse Park in late July. Dr. Dennis Sigler, Horse Section Leader for Animal Science, gave a presentation on horse nutrition, and Dr. Ron Gill, Livestock Specialist, gave a presentation on livestock handling.

Equine Symposium and Sale

Texas A&M System hosted the Texas A&M University Equine Science Symposium and Sale in May 2008. This program included vendor booths from numerous feed companies and scientific posters were presented during the program. Nationally recognized speakers included Dell Hendricks and Paul Kauthen that are both Land O Lakes Purina Mills sponsored speakers. Additionally, faculty from the TAMU Equine Science Program presented lectures during the symposium. The programs included the following topics: Feeding Management, Preparation of Yearling Athletes, Principles of Dressage Training, Maximizing Breeding Performance, Developing the Broke Horse and The Broke Horse -Putting It All Together.

Measures of outcome were obtained at the TAMU Equine Science Symposium and Sale. A total of 59 people from 19 counties and 2 states attended the TAMU Equine Science Symposium and Sale. There was a 34% response to the measures of outcome document. The number of horses owned ranged from 1 to 30 horses and averaged 8.8 head per respondent. Sixty-percent owned five or fewer horses. The group contained four individuals that managed horses for other people; they managed on average 69 head of horses.

Forty-two percent of the horses owned were utilized for pleasure or recreational riding and 50% were utilized in competitive events. On average, 84% of the respondents reported they would enact a change in their operation as a result of this program. Eightyfive percent indicated an increased competence with regard to routine management of horses, monetary savings, facility decisions and their feeding program. Approximately 82% of the respondents reported that they would change a management practice, adopt a new practice or stop some management practice as a result of this workshop. Seventy-nine percent of the respondents indicated that they would save money as a result of the information that they received at the program. Ninety-four percent of the respondents indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed that the topics provided them more confidence and/or competence in all of the program areas.

Stock Horses of Texas Activity Strong

Just over a dozen years ago, Extension began working closely with industry persons to identify needs of Texans with well-bred horses that weren't just show horses, and also not just ranch horses. There appeared to be a need for educational and competitive activities focused on nice horses that are well-trained, or could become well-trained, to compete in a limited number of events that demonstrate the utility and versatility of a stock horse. The result was the formation of Stock Horses of Texas, known to most as

S.H.O.T. Under leadership of B.F. and Janet Yeates, the association has grown while continuing to place strong emphasis on education for horse owners. Many County Extension offices have become involved by hosting SHOT clinics/shows. A typical competition draws 80 - 160 head of horses with owners coming in from across Texas and neighboring states. Each competition is preceded by a day-long clinic that typically reaches 30-75 participants. Collaboration and co-hosting with SHOT offers County Extension

Horse Committees and County 4-H horse project clubs a great opportunity to be a part of a popular horse activity. The mission and goals of SHOT are such that other states want to participate. As a result, SHOT will go national by early 2009 as the American Stock Horse Association. Call the Extension Horse Specialists' office for more information, or contact B.F Yeates (979)-846-0936 or Dennis Sigler (979)-845-7731, dsigler@tamu.edu for more information.

American Stock Horse Exposition and National Championship Show

Heart of Texas Fairgrounds, Waco, TX. The purpose of this event will be to bring horsemen from other states to Texas to learn about and experience an ASHA event; to send participants home with knowledge, materials and links to resources to conduct stock horse versatility education and events patterned after the SHOT program and to publicize and market the new ASHA (American Stock Horse Association) organization. This championship show will also provide double points for SHOT members for 2008 End of Year Awards. A clinic will be Thurs. Nov 20 and the Competition will be Fri. Nov. 21st, Sat. Nov 22nd and Sun. Nov 23rd Contact – B.F. Yeates – 979.846.4538. or Kim Lindsey – 806.254.2050

Texas A&M Stock Horse Team News

The Texas A&M University Stock Horse Team had a very successful semester. After finishing Reserve Champion at the Stephen F. Austin SHOT Show, they traveled to the Intercollegiate SHOT Show held at Texas Tech University in April. The team was again named Reserve Champion Team. Aggie team members Stephen Williams and Michaelle Blake were Reserve High Point riders in the Non-Pro and Limited Non-Pro divisions, respectively. Both Williams and Blake are Animal Science majors at Texas A&M. Other TAMU team members were: Morgan Simmons, Jillian Craver, Ashley Allen, and Megan Tracy. Ten college teams competed in Lubbock from as far away as Georgia and Nebraska. Dr. Dennis Sigler, TAMU Department of Animal Science, coaches the TAMU Stock Horse Team and teaches an Advanced Stock Horse Training class. Stock Horse Team members are selected from class members who try out for the traveling team.

	Calendar of Events—Remainder of 2008		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact	
Sept 18-20	Extreme Mustang Makeover—Ft. Worth	www.extrememustangmakeover.com	
Sept 23	Basic Horse Management 101—McLennan Co.	CEA David Groschke 254.757.5180	
Oct 4	Horse Judging Contest—Waco (Heart of Texas Fairgrounds)	Wes Allison 254.776.1660	
Oct 7	Horse Owners Meeting—Buna	Dr. Jim Ward 979.251.4000	
Oct 21-23	Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett 254.823.6860	
Nov 15	AggieFest Horse Judging Workshop—TAMU (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562	
Nov 21-23	American Stock Horse Championship Show	B.F. Yeates 979.846.4538	
Dec 1	Entry Date for Major Stock Show Horse Judging/Bowl Entries	Stock Shows	
Dec TBA	Texas 4-H Horse Mentor Training Program —South Region	Luis Saldana 956.968.5581 Isaldana@ag.tamu.edu	
Dec 3-5	TAMU Horse Breeder's School-TAMU	Martha Vogelsang 979.845.7731	
Dec 13	Fort Bend Co. Horse Judging Contest—Rosenberg	Cynthia Voskamp 281-343-8836	
Dec 13-14	Texas State 4-H Youth Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett 254.823.6860	

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	Calendar of Events—Looking Ahead to 2009		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact	
Jan 3	Montgomery Co. Horse Judging Contest—Conroe (Lone Star Expo)	Michelle Warren 936.539.7823	
Jan 7-11	National Western 4-H Roundup—Denver	Brett Scott 979.845.1562	
Jan 14-16	TAMU Horse Breeder's School-TAMU	Martha Vogelsang 979.845.7731	
Jan 17	Johnson Co. Horse Judging Contest—Cleburne	Ed Bader 817.447.1704	
Feb 7	Ft. Worth Horse Judging Contest—Ft. Worth (Will Rogers)	Stock Show Office 817.877.2400	
Feb 12	(TENTATIVE DATE) San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575	
Feb 13	(TENTATIVE DATE) San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575	
Mar 6	Matagorda Co. Horse Judging Contest—Bay City	Brent Batchelor 979.245.4100	
Mar TBA	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show 832-667-1000 www.rodeohouston.com	
Apr 4	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest—College Station (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562	

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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. Poles Showmanship **Team Roping** Western Pleasure Barrels **Working Cow Horse** Western Horsemanship Stakes Cutting Western Riding Hunter Showmanship Reining Trail Hunter Under Saddle **Stock Horse Trail Registered Mares 5 & Over Hunt Seat Equitation Team Penning Registered Mares 4 & Under** Yearling Geldings **Tie Down Calf Roping** Grade Mares **Yearling Fillies** Hunter Hack Champion Mare Yearling Longe Line **Working Hunter Registered Geldings 5 & Over** 2-Yr-Old Western Pleasure **Equitation Over Fences Registered Geldings 4 & Under 3-Yr-Old Stock Horse Open Jumping** Grade Geldings **Tie Down Calf Roping**

Please Make Checks Payable To:

Champion Gelding

Texas 4-H Foundation—State 4-H Horse Show and indicate Buckle Sponsor in the memo line. Return this form and check to:

Breakaway Roping

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

Equine Reproductive Management Short Course Registration Form

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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

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November 15, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Freeman Arena Texas A&M University College Station, TX Pre-register at <u>www.judgingcard.com</u>

The following information may be requested upon registration:

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For questions concerning the Workshop, contact Teri Antilley at tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or 979-845-1562.