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*Section 1—Educational Opportunities for Horse Owners

Contains information on workshops, clinics and programs.

*Section 2—The 4-H Horse Project

CEA's please xerox this entire section or forward electronically to your key adult leaders. This is important information on opportunities, deadlines and required paperwork that needs to be distributed at 4-H Horse Projects meetings. All 4-H leaders, members and families need this information.

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Upcoming Broodmare/Foal Management Programs

Northeast Texas Horsemen's Association and TAM-Commerce are holding a **Mare and Stallion Seminar on January 19** at the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center. Along with several educational topics, a stallion service auction will offer 35 stallions. The activity includes a horse weight estimation contest and a hay judging contest for horse owners to participate in. Several vendors will have displays and booths, and Dr. David Crenshaw will give an overview of the TAM-Commerce Horse Teaching and Research Program. Speakers include Doug Householder, Extension Horse Specialist (retired) and Dickson Varner, TAM College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. John Allen will discuss the broodmare from pregnancy through birth of the foal. For more information go to www.NEThorsemen.com or Kim McCool at 469-667-1030.

CEA Miles Dabovich and the Wichita County Extension Horse Committee are planning a **Mare/Foal Program** on February 16 during the Texoma Farm and Ranch Show in Wichita Falls. The show is put on by the Cygnus Company with educational events conducted by Wichita County Extension. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 16th at the Wichita Falls MPEC Center. Topics will include broodmare nutrition, body

condition scoring and weight estimation as management tools, preparing mares for the breeding season, and feeding and managing young, growing foals, weanlings and yearling horses. Contact CEA Miles Dabovich at 940-716-8610 or MDabov@aq.tamu.edu.

CEA Eddie Baggs and the Denton County Extension Horse Committee are planning a **Mare/Foal Program** on February 23. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Advanced Technology Complex in Denton. Pete Gibbs and Dennis Sigler will present information on broodmare management and feeding young growing horses. A Trade Show is planned along with lunch, and admission is FREE for those who pre-register by February 15. Preregister by contacting the Denton County Extension office at 940-349-2880 or email EBaggs@aq.tamu.edu for details.

Expanding Opportunities for Youth – County Colt or Futurity Horse Projects

Several counties are having tremendous success with their own '**County Colt Projects**'. There are several examples of these successful youth offerings that a few counties have been doing for many years. One county's efforts that you might want to learn more about is the **Montgomery**

County Colt Project, where between 30 and 50 4-Hers participate every year. The project receives significant support from a strong volunteer leader base under leadership of **CEA Mike Heimer**. They are developing a nice Power Point that showcases the process and the activities.

May 1 Reminder – Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Projects

All 4-H horse projects, including Futurity horses, must be owned and validated on or before May 1. This process begins at the county level with the appropriate paperwork and a \$10 fee/horse.

Details are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter and a form is also attached. Contact the Horse Specialists' office if you have any questions.

County Horse Judging Team Support

On-Line Horse Judging Series Performance Classes Now Available

There are now performance classes available for judging on-line. Visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>, and click on Academic Disciplines, Equine Science and Online Horse Judging Examples. Starting in October 2007, a monthly series of reining classes were posted on the web. Additional performance classes will be added monthly throughout the year. The webpage gives a brief introduction on judging the cur-

rent class and provides an introductory video, a 2-horse class for less experienced judges, as well as a 4-horse class for more experienced judges. The on-line judging presentations come with video of each horse, the official placing and cuts, plus an audio critique of the class and a set of reasons (typed and audio). Archived presentations of halter and performance classes are available on the webpage, as well.

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guides and Manuals

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guides and Manuals are now available on-line at the TCE Bookstore - <http://tcebookstore.org/>. Leader guides include reference material for judging team coaches and adult leaders, as well as take home worksheets for judging team members. The manual is a supplement to the leader guide,

and provides additional information, as well as reasons terminology, for the judging team members. The leader guides are available in print and on CD for \$25, and the manuals are available in print and on CD for \$15.

Horse Judging Coaches' Clinic

March 7 is set for the 3rd Horse Judging Team **Coaches' Clinic** in College Station. Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Equine Sciences Program in the Department of Animal Science, this daylong judging experience is for those adults who are coaching youth in horse judging. Several classes will be offered via video with ample discussion of important criteria to consider in judging various classes. The Coaches' Clinic is taught by Clay Cavinder, Collegiate Horse

Judging Team Coach, Pete Gibbs, Horse Specialist, and Dennis Sigler, Professor. All primary instructors are approved breed association judges with experience in organizing and conducting horse judging contests. Members of the 2007 Aggie Horse Judging Team will also help with this clinic. Go online to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> and click on the horse page to get registration information, or contact Clay Cavinder at cac@tamu.edu or 979-845-7731.

Horse Feed Industry Workshops

2008 marks the 17th year for horse nutrition workshops co-sponsored or co-hosted with major feed manufacturers. Cargill Animal Nutrition will come to the campus for the 12th Territory Manager's workshop. This workshop will focus on nutrition and feeding management for broodmares, growing horses and performance/riding horses. This annual workshop is organized by David Havard, Business Development Manager for Cargill located in Mineola, Roy Johnson, Technology Development Manager (Minnesota) and Pete Gibbs.

In 2008, Cargill will continue as **Education and Awards Enhancement Sponsor for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show**.

As County Extension Agents consider planning of educational programs for horse owners, most will find that major feed companies across Texas such as Cargill welcome the opportunity to co-sponsor educational horse programs for horse owners at the county level.

Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention Education

The Horse Theft Awareness and Prevention Educational Initiative began in late 1997 with legislation on Horse Theft Protection. Texas AgriLife Extension Service was challenged by that legislation to develop and conduct ongoing education in theft awareness for horse owners, to include education for law enforcement officers.

Over the 10 year period from 1998 – 2007, Extension worked closely with the TSCRA and the SAT to develop, conduct and evaluate programs across the state. A total of 858 educational programs, demonstrations and exhibits were conducted at locations in 137 Texas counties. Just over 150 CEAs were involved in the educational delivery process over 10 years. The initiative reached 71,079 via direct contact methods, 1,600 DVD viewers at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> (July 2006 – December 2007), 18,400 via 8 radio programs, and 60,213,000 viewers via 8 state/national/international television programs. Working with the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, 16 law enforcement trainings were conducted for 684 sheriffs, deputies, constables and patrolmen from 165 Texas counties, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Outcomes: As a result of county programs, 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, 100% of participants reported the adoption of at least 1 of the 15 Best Management Practices to minimize theft. From programs evaluated, 50% to 96% reported confidence gains in horse theft protection. From the summers of 2007/2007, 63% of youth attending TCE Summer Horsemanship Schools said they definitely learned more about how to prevent or minimize theft.

For 2008, County Extension Offices can still obtain publications for distribution at horse programs and activities. The two most current and useful publications are '**15 Steps to Minimize Theft of Horses and Equipment**' and '**Permanent Identification of Horses**'. Although reporting against this legislative initiative is no longer required, there are still plenty of opportunities to conduct educational programs and demonstrations. Most CEA offices will find also that the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers' field reps and Special Rangers are often available to assist with such programs.

Update on National Animal Identification (NAIS) - Equine Species Working Group

Texas horse owners permanently identify horses using lip tattoo, freeze brands, fire brands and microchips. Of these methods, it appears the two most utilized are freeze brands and microchips. The USDA continues to receive input from the Equine Species Working Group about the NAIS.

Here in Texas, discussions of a NAIS continue to be somewhat controversial. At this time, the permanent marking of a horse by horse owners is still completely voluntary. However, on a national

level, it certainly appears obvious that most discussions focus around identifying the electronic microchip as the primary method for permanent identification of horses. It appears that if permanent identification were to ever become mandatory across all states, that the microchip is likely to be recognized by the universal method of permanent identification for record keeping, reporting and transportation purposes. For now, the entire NAIS remains completely voluntary.

CEAS—Planning Educational Program on Mare/Foal Management

If you are interested in planning educational programs for broodmare owners in your county, here are couple of key things to consider. The single biggest management tool for broodmare reproductive performance is body condition scoring. The months of October and November offer the best opportunity to plan programs that allow mare owners to sharpen their knowledge and skills related to body condition scoring. The last 3 months of pregnancy are also important regarding nutritional status of the broodmare. Programs conducted in the early fall before Thanksgiving allow mare owners time to go home and evaluate mares, make changes and be ready for the next year's foaling and breeding seasons.

For CEAs interested in helping horse owners learn more about early neonatal care and handling, feeding young horses, programs work well if scheduled in February, March and April, as this is when many foals are hitting the ground. This is a time when a broodmare's nutrient requirements change dramatically, so it is a good time to discuss nutrition of both the broodmare and the foal,

as well as any yearlings that horse owners may be growing for moderate or rapid growth. There are some 250,000 horses in Texas that fit the breeding category, with this area of the horse industry making well over a \$1.5 billion dollar a year contribution to the economy of this state. For more information on scheduling or planning a Mare/Foal program, contact the Horse Specialists' office. Pete Gibbs has the following current resource publications to support education in Mare/Foal Management:

- Nutrition and Feeding Management of Broodmares
- Feeding Young Horses for Sound Development
- Mature, Senior & Geriatric Horses – Management Care and Use

These are available in about any quantity from the TCE bookstore, and can also be found along with several other papers related to mares/foals on line at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>.

36th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

Every year, teams of Horse Program Assistants are trained to go out to individual counties and teach either two-day or three-day horsemanship schools. These are hands-on schools for 4-Hers, parents and volunteer leaders in the county who bring their horses and participate in a variety of basic and advanced horsemanship drills and maneuvers. Over the last 35 years, this program has reached 43,341 people with 1,208 schools. There are usually anywhere from 25 to 40 county requests every year for schools that are conducted from late May through early July. Two-day long schools are **\$600**, and three-day long schools are **\$800**. A county may have up to 30 riders and may join with another county in hosting a school, if nec-

essary. See the request form for 2-day or 3-day schools toward the back of this newsletter. Contact Teri Antilley at 979-845-1562 or tjan-tilley@ag.tamu.edu, for more information, or visit the website, <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>, and click on Conferences, Equine Science Workshops, 36th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program and Hosting a School. The following counties have already made a request for a school in 2007: San Patricio, Cooke, Brown, Somervell, Navarro, Parker, Williamson, Blanco, Hardeman, Tom Green, Collin, Taylor, Colorado, Pecos, Fannin, Medina, Henderson, Zapata, Houston and Liberty.

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 daylong program that is designed to cover many topics that would appeal to veteran horse owners, as well as to new horse and land owners. This program was developed to include people (Veterinarians, Dentists, Farriers, etc) from your area to teach sec-

tions. 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.

Texas A&M Horse Program Receives National Recognition

The Texas A&M Horse Judging team recently finished its year at the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City. Amongst the 25 Colleges and Universities competing, the Texas A&M judging team earned the Reserve NRHA Champion title. Throughout the year, the team has also finished 3rd at the AQHA Congress and 4th at the AQHA World Show. Team members include Haley Lemaster, Teresa Meier, Brittanie Sutton, Ryan Rushing, Rachel Wall, Clay Bearden, Jennifer Burnett, Nicole Kenney, and Regan Hall. The team is coached by Dr. Clay Cavinder and graduate assistant Jennifer Seale.



TAMU Stock Horse Team

On October 20th, the Texas A&M University Stock Horse Team competed against students from 5 other colleges in 4 events. The team, coached by Dr. Dennis Sigler is comprised of students from the stock horse training class. Students compete on horses they ride and train in class.

Team scores were not tallied, however, TAMU students won several individual awards. Stephen Williams won the reining, cowhorse and pleasure in the non-pro division and with three class wins, was the High Point Overall Non-Pro Champion. Ashley Allen was fourth high individual in the Non-Pro division.

In the Limited Non-Pro division, Marie Fontenot

was the winner of the cowhorse class, was 2nd in pleasure and 3rd in reining, which gave her the Reserve Overall Championship. Kate Lassig was 1st in the pleasure and was 4th overall in the Limited Non-Pro Division.

In the Novice division, Kathleen Sullivan was 3rd out of 27 contestants in reining and was 8th High Individual.

2007-2008 Team members are: Ashley Allen, Marie Fontenot, Kate Lassig, Amy Lide, Morgan Simmons, Kathleen Sullivan, Stephen Williams.

The Stock Horse Team is funded by donations from supporting companies and individuals.

New Warm Up Judging Contest in Northeast Texas

This activity is both a teaching and a practice horse judging contest. This activity, being on March 8, affords a great opportunity for youth to sharpen their judging skills before the HLSR contest and most all District Horse Judging Contests. Notice that CEAs need to make one composite entry and send one check for all the 4-H group

attendees (CEAs, youth, 4-H leaders and 4-H support persons) from their county. All other non-group persons will register at the seminar that morning. Be sure everyone in your group knows how to fill out scantron sheets. ***See last page of this newsletter for more information.***

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rule Changes—2008

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following **22 classes** in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2008 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division in order to 'qualify' for the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare

These halter classes have always been held at all District Shows. The only change regarding halter classes is that they are now in a Division and a 4-Her may show a halter horse only. In other words, it does not have to be the same horse that is shown in a performance class, but it could be the same horse.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail

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

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Barrels, Poles and Stakes

Same 3 speed classes as in past years. Only change is that a 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation

Many District Shows already offer these Hunter-Flat classes. All Districts agreed to add them, in many cases it will be the same horse shown in western, but doesn't have to be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rule Changes—2008 (con't)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

For many years, 4-Hers have had to enter Qualifying classes and earn one or more points in order to show in the qualifying category at the State 4-H Horse Show. The 2008 District shows will all offer a more balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

Number of Horses a 4-Her Can Show at District/State Shows in Qualifying Division

For well over 40 years, a 4-Her could only show one horse at the District show in the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. Starting in 2008, they may show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each Qualifying Division**. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division, in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show at State

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. The only change for 2008 is that all District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity classes, and a 4-Her **MUST** show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division.

4-H Horse Project Validation – May 1 Deadline

May 1 has and continues to be the deadline for a 4-Her to certify a horse. Beginning in 2008, the term '**validation**' will be used for this process. May 1 is the absolute deadline for 4-Hers to validate a horse, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-Her or their sibling, parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed. **Horses not validated on or before May 1 are ineligible for District and State 4-H Horse Shows.** Each 4-H horse project validated by a 4-Her must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, of which half will go to the District 4-H Horse Show and half to the State Office. The fee will help offset delivery costs for established 4-H horse activities and management of the statewide validation listing/process. Districts will utilize the fee to help offset District Horse delivery/production costs. At such a point in time that State 4-H Horse Show entries were to become electronic, the ability to have a county/district/state merged validation file for all horses identified as projects will be important. County Extension offices will complete the validation process almost identical to previous years. A certification form has been modified to now be a Validation form. A form must be filled out by the 4-Her for each horse being validated. CEA office personnel will collect those forms and a check from each 4-Her for \$10/horse. **CEA offices have until May 5** to transfer the validation information and fees to the Horse Specialists' office. This transfer will be achieved using the excel spreadsheet. Fees will be mailed. Once all fees are deposited in the Texas 4-H Foundation, 50% of that amount will be transferred to the appropriate Districts. As in past years, CEA offices will keep the Horse Validation Forms on file in their office for one year. Validation forms will be available in the CEA Horse Newsletter.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rule Changes—2008 (con't)

Non – Qualifying (Open or Invitational Classes)

Some Districts also offer a variety of Open (Invitational) classes, and whether they are offered or not at a District show, a 4-Her **is not** required to show in the following Open classes, in order to enter those classes at State. They must, however, meet entry deadlines, and for many Districts, that deadline for entering the State 4-H Horse Show is at the close of the District Show.

Listed below are those classes that may or may not be offered at all District Horse Shows. If offered at District, they are Non-Qualifying classes and a 4-Her **does not** have to show in these classes in order to enter them at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Roping Division

Tie-Down Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping

Hunter Over Fence Division

Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Hunter Hack and Open Jumping

Drill/Precision Riding Division

Mounted Drill Teams and Precision Riding Teams

Stock Horse Division

Working Cow Horse (cow work only), Team Penning, Reining, Cutting and Stock Horse Trail (NEW in 2008)

General Open Reminders

There are no changes in these Open Divisions, other than a Stock Horse Trail Class is being added new in 2008, and Working Cow Horse will no longer have a pattern work component.

Rules for determining high points in these Open Divisions are not changed from last year.

Remind 4-H members and families that these 14 Open Classes must be entered according to the timeline set by each individual District. In most cases, all State 4-H Horse Show entries are due to the District office by the end of the District 4-H Horse Show.

What 4-Hers and Families Need to Know—County Extension Offices are asked to make certain that all 4-H horse project members receive all of the above information regarding 1) class offerings at District Horse Shows, 2) requirement to show in at least one class in a Division in order to enter that and other classes in a division at the State Show and 3) May 1 Validation with a \$10 fee/horse. If a 4-Her plans to go to state in any class that is listed above and designated as a class within a Qualifying Division, **they must show at the District 4-H Horse Show**. In some Districts, this will impact 4-Hers who are interested in the Hunter-Flat classes, Trail and Futurity Classes, as not all District Horse Shows have held those classes in past years. All 4-Hers who nominate 4-H Futurity Horse Projects on or before May 1 will have to qualify by showing the futurity horse(s) at the District 4-H Horse Show, in order to be eligible to enter the futurity class(es) at the State 4-H Horse Show. For many 4-H families, there is now more flexibility for a 4-Her to show more than one horse. Most families are familiar with the May 1 deadline, but all 4-Hers must validate horse projects on or before May 1 by completing a Horse Certification Form accompanied by \$10 per horse. CEAs, please be certain to get all of the information to all 4-H members **early** in 2008. Our communication on this is very important.



Texas A&M University



Equine Symposium and Sale

May 3rd, 2008

presented by

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service &
TAMU Equine Science Program**

Featured Speakers

Dell Hendricks

Paul Kathen

Jack Brainard

Dennis Moreland

Featured Topics

**Developing the Broke Horse
through Reining Fundamentals**

**Applying Principles of Dressage
Training for All Disciplines**

**The Broke Horse – Putting It All
Together**

Care and Selection of Tack

Preparation of Yearling Athletes

Feeding Management

**Maximizing Breeding Perform-
ance**

**Program includes
Lunch and prime rib
dinner. Sale features
TAMU Horses and
other horses from se-
lected University Pro-
grams.**

**Program begins at 8:30 a.m. at the N.W. Dick Freeman Arena in
College Station, TX.—Sale starts at 6:30 p.m.**

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For registration information, go to <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu>. For more information, please
call Valerie - 979.845.2604. Sale Catalogs will be available after March 15th, 2008.

Calendar of Events 2008		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 19	Texas Thoroughbred Association Convention-Austin	Mary Ruyle, 512.458.6133 maryr@texasthoroughbred.com
Jan 19	Johnson Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Cleburne	Ed Bader, 817.447.1704
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 2	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest Coliseum-Ft. Worth	Stock Show, 817.877.2400
Feb 1-2	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lone Star Arena-Stephenville	Don Henneke, 254.968.9222
Feb 16	Mare/Foal Program-Texoma Farm & Ranch Show-Wichita Falls	Miles Dabovich, 940.716.8610 MDabov@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 23	Harris Co. Horse Judging Contest-Crosby Fairgrounds-Crosby	Susan Caraway, 281.855.5619
Feb 23	Denton County Mare/Foal Workshop-Denton	Eddie Baggs, 940.349.2880 EBaggs@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 26-28	SHOT Versatility 2-day Clinic and Competition-Abilene	Vickie Hoggett, 254.823.6860
Mar 7	Matagorda Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Bay City	Brent Batchelor, 979.245.4100
Mar 7	4-H Horse Judging Team Coaches' Clinic-TAMU	Clay Cavinder or Pete Gibbs 979.845.7731 cac@tamu.edu or p-gibbs@tamu.edu
Mar 8	North East Horse Judging Seminar & Practice Judging Contest	Doug Householder, 979.690.7588
Mar 13	SHOT Collegiate Challenge-Star of Texas Fairgrounds-Austin	Dennis Sigler, 979.862.3595 dsigler@tamu.edu
Mar 14	HLS&R Youth Horse Judging Contest-Houston	Stock Show
Mar 27-29	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Ft. Worth	Ken Johnson, 817.884.1946

Calendar of Events		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Mar 29	Multi-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest-College Station	District 5,7,9,11,12 Offices
Apr 22	Fort Bend County Horse Owner Program-Rosenberg	Joe Mask, 281.342.3034 JWMask@ag.tamu.edu
Apr 25-26	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lubbock	Kim Guay, 806.792.4682
Apr 27	SHOT Versatility National Collegiate Invitational Competition-Texas Tech University-Lubbock	Kris Wilson, 806.742.2804 x 236
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects-all Counties	Brett Scott, 979.845.1562 Bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
May 16-18	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Glen Rose	Ranch, 254.823.6643
May/June	36th Annual Statewide Summer Horsemanship School Program (See January 31 Deadline)	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562
June 11	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-TAMU	Teri J. Antilley or Pete Gibbs 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or p-gibbs@tamu.edu
June 12	Texas State 4-H Individual/Team Demonstration Contest and Horse Public Speaking Contest—TAMU	Brett D. Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
June 16-17	12th Annual Cargill Horse Feed Industry Workshop-TAMU	Pete G. Gibbs, 979.845.3579 p-gibbs@tamu.edu
June 26-29	State 4-H Team Roping School-Levelland	Chris Edens, 806.894.3159
Jun 27-28	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lufkin	Joe Gotti, 936.468.3705
July 9-11	#1 Youth Horse Judging Camp-TAMU	Clay Cavinder, 979.845.7731 cac@tamu.edu
July 16-18	#2 Youth Horse Judging Camp-TAMU	Clay Cavinder, 979.845.7731 cac@tamu.edu
Jul 18-20	SHOT versatility Clinic and Competition-Seguin	Travis Franke, 830.379.1972
July 19-26	46th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists Office 979.845.1562

To: County 4-H Horse Project Leaders

From: Your County Extension Office

The new year is here, and there are many opportunities for 4-Hers in the horse project. There are also some important deadlines and paperwork requirements for nominating young horses to the Texas 4-H Futurity horse program, and for certifying all other horses as projects for the current year.

This summer of 2008 marks the 36th anniversary for Texas AgriLife Extension's Summer Horsemanship School Program. If our county intends to host a two-day or three-day school, we have until January 31 to make a formal request. The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations is being revised for 2008 and a copy will be posted to the internet by early Spring. The rules will also be available on the internet at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/index.html>. Some of the more significant rules which you need to know about are included in this letter. These rules are revised annually and apply to:

- 1) All County shows related to District show qualification
- 2) Our District 4-H Horse Show
- 3) The State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene
- 4) Futurity horse project— Nomination Deadline is May 1

Also, the calendar of events is included which lists dates for judging contests, State Roundup Horse contests, and the 46th Texas State 4-H Horse Show. Contact our office for information on other county-wide 4-H horse project activities and dates. In the meantime, as adult leaders involved with the horse project, please see that the information in this letter is shared with 4-Hers at the first two or

Horse Project Certification Deadlines

***May 1**—Deadline for Nominating/Validating yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds for the Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Program. Categories include yearling halter, yearling long line, two-year-old western pleasure and three-year old stock horse. This is an absolute deadline for nominations turned into the county office.

Each futurity project nomination/validation form that we will send to the state specialists' office must include a copy of the registration papers or

grade horse identification form. The futurity project is intended for older, more experienced 4-Hers who have acquired the skills necessary to manage, handle and train a young horse. Again this year, all 4-Hers who nominate futurity projects will have to be 12 years old or older as of September 1, 2007, which is the start of the current 4-H year. The age minimum applies only to the futurity project. This is the fifth year for the minimum age requirement.

Summer Horsemanship Schools

This summer will mark the 36th consecutive year that the program has been offered. These schools are taught by college-aged students and are designed to help 4-Hers achieve more with their existing horse project. The schools are hands-on, where 4-Hers bring their horses and participate in lengthy riding sessions that follow short demonstrations.

Two-day long schools are **\$600**, and three-day long schools are **\$800**. A county may have up to 30 riders and may join with another county in hosting a school, if necessary. Request forms are in this newsletter. The county has until **January 31** to request a school for late May or through the month of June.

4-H Roping Schools

The annual Team Roping School is in June in Lleveland. Contact Jett Major at (806) 764-6101 or Chris Edens (806) 894-3159 for details and pre-registration.

The State 4-H Calf Roping School is in June and will be in Stephenville. Contact Brown CEA Scott Anderson at (325) 646-0386 for pre-registration.

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

All 4-Hers and family members with youth who show at County, District or State levels will benefit from access to the rules and regulations. The 2008 rule book will be available online by March. It can be found on two websites. They are <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>

and <http://tcebookstore.org>. The 2007 version will remain on both websites, until the revised 2008 rules are posted. Here are some of the more significant general rules and some changes that everybody needs to be familiar with:

- 1) All 4-H horses must be owned by the 4-Her, their parents, brother, sister, grandparents or legal guardian. This includes Drill and Precision Team horses as well. No leased horses. *See hardship rule regarding Drill and Precision horses.*
- 2) At District and State shows, a horse may be ridden by only one 4-Her in the qualifying portion of the show, and by only one 4-Her in the open portion of the show. However, the same horse may be shown by one 4-Her in the qualifying show and by another 4-Her in the open show, provided that the 4-Hers are siblings, the ownership requirements are met, and the horse has been properly identified as a 4-H project by both siblings. Futurity horses may never be ridden by more than one person.
- 3) At the discretion of the county horse show committee, a 4-H member may be allowed to change horses between county and district shows, provided all horses involved meet ownership requirements. It is recommended that, in hardship cases, this substitution be allowed. Under no circumstances will horses be changed during a district show, and no change of horses will be allowed from district to state in the qualifying show. A change of horses may be allowed for the open classes, provided the horse was properly owned and identified on or before May 1.
- 4) Electronic vs Paper Entries-Check with us in the county office as determination is made on how entries will be made for District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An electronic procedure is being developed, but the timing is uncertain at this point.
- 5) **Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows—For many years, 4-Hers have had to enter Qualifying classes and earn one or more points in order to show in the qualifying category at the State 4-H Horse Show. The 2008 District shows will all offer a more balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division, in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.****
- 6) In judged classes (excluding futurities), horses may be ridden with a curb, spade or halfbreed bit. Split reins must be used and held in one hand with no more than one finger between the reins. If a romal is used, fingers between the reins are not permitted. If a 4-Her chooses to exhibit a futurity project horse in qualifying classes such as western pleasure or horsemanship, those horses must be shown one-handed in a curb bit. However, since the futurity project is available, extended use of 2- and 3-year-old horses in qualifying show classes is discouraged, simply due to the immature state of such horses.

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Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

- 7) Trail is now a Qualifying Class at District Shows.
- 8) Team Roping—a 4-Her enters as an individual and may enter only once. The partner can be any 4-Her who also is entered in the Team roping. A 4-Her may help as many times as desired. Points will be awarded only to the person entered, not the helper. Teams receiving a time in the first go will progress to the Finals. There is no progressive second go. Duplicate awards are presented to top placing teams overall.
- 9) In All Roping Classes—any unruly horse or horse considered unsafe to either the contestant or the arena help may be dismissed from the competition. Horses are expected to be able to enter the box and wait for the barrier to be set. Decisions on such matters are made by show management in charge of the roping events and are not subject to protest.
- 10) Age of Futurity Project 4-Hers—The minimum age for 4-Hers to nominate a futurity project will be 12 years of age or older on September 1, which is the start of the current 4-H year. This is the third year for the minimum age requirement.
- 11) Reining Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, the prelims score will be added to the finals score to determine placings.
- 12) Cutting Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, a 121 score or higher will still be required in the prelims to advance to the finals. Class placings will be determined by adding the prelims score to the finals score.
- 13) Class Changes or Class Additions at State—Exhibitors who are already entered in the State 4-H Horse Show by July 1 will be allowed to add a class or change a class with a \$50 fee at the show. This is only for those who are already entered.
- 14) Drill/Precision Riding Teams—There will be NO PROPS. Only uniforms/costumes will be permitted. Props in the arena or on or around the entrance gate will not be used. Interest in Drill/Precision continues to grow. There may be changes to the State Show Schedule to better accommodate and showcase the Drill/Precision competitions. Less practice time in arenas will be available in the future. There will be no pyrotechnics or smoke of any kind. All riders on a team must be from the same county.
- 15) Effective again in 2008, the use of golf carts, gators/mules/4-wheelers, all scooters, skates, skateboards, bicycles, as well as under-age drivers of pickups, suburbans and cars will be prohibited. It will be the policy of both the Taylor County Expo Center and the State 4-H Horse Committee that these be prohibited due to safety concerns and due to the accidents that have occurred. Only Expo Center Staff, State Show Management Team, the Official Veterinarian crew and the Patrolmen on duty will be using golf carts. Every County office is asked to please help get the word out about this, so people will know well in advance.

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Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

- 16) Team Penning—The revised rulebook will contain additional wording on the location of the foul line, based on arena size at District shows. Expanded wording on determining top places has been added. Any substitutions at the State Horse Show will be subject to the \$50.00 fee.
 - 17) Attire-There has been some concern over various types of boots that 4-Hers wear, centered mainly around tread designs that could make it difficult to remove a foot from the stirrup. The rule book states that any boot other than a leather sole boot is strongly discouraged in speed events!
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Significant 4-H Horse Project Rule Changes—2008

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following **22 classes** in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2008 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division in order to 'qualify' for the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare

These halter classes have always been held at all District Shows. The only change regarding halter classes is that they are now in a Division, and a 4-Her may show a halter horse only. In other words, it does not have to be the same horse that is shown in a performance class, but it could be the same horse.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail

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

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Barrels, Poles and Stakes

Same 3 speed classes as in past years. Only change is that a 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation

Many District Shows already offer these Hunter-Flat classes. All Districts agreed to add them, in many cases it will be the same horse shown in western, but doesn't have to be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rule Changes—2008 (con't)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

For many years, 4-Hers have had to enter Qualifying classes and earn one or more points in order to show in the qualifying category at the State 4-H Horse Show. The 2008 District shows will all offer a more balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

Number of Horses a 4-Her Can Show at District/State Shows in Qualifying Division

For well over 40 years, a 4-Her could only show one horse at the District show in the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. Starting in 2008, they may show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each Qualifying Division**. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show at State

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. The only change for 2008 is that all District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity classes, and a 4-Her **MUST** show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division.

4-H Horse Project Validation – May 1 Deadline

May 1 has and continues to be the deadline for a 4-Her to certify a horse. Beginning in 2008, the term **'validation'** will be used for this process. May 1 is the absolute deadline for 4-Hers to validate a horse, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-Her or their sibling, parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed. **Horses not validated on or before May 1 are ineligible for District and State 4-H Horse Shows.** Each 4-H horse project validated by a 4-Her must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, of which half will go to the District 4-H Horse Show and half to the State Office. The fee will help offset delivery costs for established 4-H horse activities and management of the statewide validation listing/process. Districts will utilize the fee to help offset District Horse delivery/production costs. At such a point in time that State 4-H Horse Show entries were to become electronic, the ability to have a county/district/state merged validation file for all horses identified as projects will be important. County Extension offices will complete the validation process almost identical to previous years. A certification form has been modified to now be a Validation form. A form must be filled out by the 4-Her for each horse being validated. CEA office personnel will collect those forms and a check from each 4-Her for \$10/horse. **CEA offices have until May 5** to transfer the validation information and fees to the Horse Specialists' office. This transfer will be achieved using the excel spreadsheet. Fees will be mailed. Once all fees are deposited in the Texas 4-H Foundation, 50% of that amount will be transferred to the appropriate Districts. As in past years, CEA offices will keep the Horse Validation Forms on file in their office for one year. Validation forms will be available in the CEA Horse Newsletter.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rule Changes—2008 (con't)

Non – Qualifying (Open or Invitational Classes)

Some Districts also offer a variety of Open (Invitational) classes, and whether they are offered or not at a District show, a 4-Her **is not** required to show in the following Open classes, in order to enter those classes at State. They must, however, meet entry deadlines, and for many Districts, that deadline for entering the State 4-H Horse Show is at the close of the District Show.

Listed below are those classes that may or may not be offered at all District Horse Shows. If offered at District, they are Non-Qualifying classes and a 4-Her **does not** have to show in these classes in order to enter them at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Roping Division

Tie-Down Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping

Hunter Over Fence Division

Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Hunter Hack and Open Jumping

Drill/Precision Riding Division

Mounted Drill Teams and Precision Riding Teams

Stock Horse Division

Working Cow Horse (cow work only), Team Penning, Reining, Cutting and Stock Horse Trail (NEW in 2008)

General Open Reminders

There are no changes in these Open Divisions, other than a Stock Horse Trail Class is being added new in 2008, and Working Cow Horse will no longer have a pattern work component.

Rules for determining high points in these Open Divisions are not changed from last year.

Remind 4-H members and families that these 14 Open Classes must be entered according to the timeline set by each individual District. In most cases, all State 4-H Horse Show entries are due to the District office by the end of the District 4-H Horse Show.

What 4-Hers and Families Need to Know—County Extension Offices are asked to make certain that all 4-H horse project members receive all of the above information regarding 1) class offerings at District Horse Shows, 2) requirement to show in at least one class in a Division in order to enter that and other classes in a division at the State Show and 3) May 1 Validation with a \$10 fee/horse. If a 4-Her plans to go to state in any class that is listed above and designated as a class within a Qualifying Division, **they must show at the District 4-H Horse Show**. In some Districts, this will impact 4-Hers who are interested in the Hunter-Flat classes, Trail and Futurity Classes, as not all District Horse Shows have held those classes in past years. All 4-Hers who nominate 4-H Futurity Horse Projects on or before May 1 will have to qualify by showing the futurity horse(s) at the District 4-H Horse Show in order to be eligible to enter the futurity class(es) at the State 4-H Horse Show. For many 4-H families, there is now more flexibility for a 4-Her to show more than one horse. Most families are familiar with the May 1 deadline, but all 4-Hers must validate horse projects on or before May 1 by completing a Horse Certification Form accompanied by \$10 per horse. CEAs, please be certain to get all of the information to all 4-H members **early** in 2008. Our communication on this is very important.

Calendar of Events 2008

Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 19	Texas Thoroughbred Association Convention-Austin	Mary Ruyle, 512.458.6133 maryr@texasthoroughbred.com
Jan 19	Johnson Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Cleburne	Ed Bader, 817.447.1704
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 2	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest Coliseum-Ft. Worth	Stock Show, 817.877.2400
Feb 1-2	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lone Star Arena-Stephenville	Don Henneke, 254.968.9222
Feb 16	Mare/Foal Program-Texoma Farm & Ranch Show-Wichita Falls	Miles Dabovich, 940.716.8610 MDabov@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 23	Harris Co. Horse Judging Contest-Crosby Fairgrounds-Crosby	Susan Caraway, 281.855.5619
Feb 23	Denton County Mare/Foal Workshop-Denton	Eddie Baggs, 940.349.2880 EBaggs@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 26-28	SHOT Versatility 2-day Clinic and Competition-Abilene	Vickie Hoggett, 254.823.6860
Mar 7	Matagorda Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Bay City	Brent Batchelor, 979.245.4100
Mar 7	4-H Horse Judging Team Coaches' Clinic-TAMU	Clay Cavinder or Pete Gibbs 979.845.7731 cac@tamu.edu or p-gibbs@tamu.edu
Mar 8	North East Horse Judging Seminar & Practice Judging Contest	Doug Householder, 979.690.7588
Mar 13	SHOT Collegiate Challenge-Star of Texas Fairgrounds-Austin	Dennis Sigler, 979.862.3595 dsigler@tamu.edu
Mar 14	HLS&R Youth Horse Judging Contest-Houston	Stock Show
Mar 27-29	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Ft. Worth	Ken Johnson, 817.884.1946

Calendar of Events		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Mar 29	Multi-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest-College Station	District 5,7,9,11,12 Offices
Apr 22	Fort Bend County Horse Owner Program-Rosenberg	Joe Mask, 281.342.3034 JWMask@ag.tamu.edu
Apr 25-26	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lubbock	Kim Guay, 806.792.4682
Apr 27	SHOT Versatility National Collegiate Invitational Competition-Texas Tech University-Lubbock	Kris Wilson, 806.742.2804 x 236
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects-all Counties	Brett Scott, 979.845.1562 Bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
May 16-18	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Glen Rose	Ranch, 254.823.6643
May/June	36th Annual Statewide Summer Horsemanship School Program (See January 31 Deadline)	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562
June 11	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-TAMU	Teri J. Antilley or Pete Gibbs 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or p-gibbs@tamu.edu
June 12	Texas State 4-H Individual/Team Demonstration Contest and Horse Public Speaking Contest—TAMU	Brett D. Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
June 16-17	12th Annual Cargill Horse Feed Industry Workshop-TAMU	Pete G. Gibbs, 979.845.3579 p-gibbs@tamu.edu
June 26-29	State 4-H Team Roping School-Levelland	Chris Edens, 806.894.3159
Jun 27-28	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lufkin	Joe Gotti, 936.468.3705
July 9-11	#1 Youth Horse Judging Camp-TAMU	Clay Cavinder, 979.845.7731 cac@tamu.edu
July 16-18	#2 Youth Horse Judging Camp-TAMU	Clay Cavinder, 979.845.7731 cac@tamu.edu
Jul 18-20	SHOT versatility Clinic and Competition-Seguin	Travis Franke, 830.379.1972
July 19-26	46th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists Office 979.845.1562

HORSE PROJECT(S) VALIDATION FORM

May 1st DUE DATE in County Extension Office - (Fee \$10/horse)

4-H Members Name	Mailing Address	City/Town + Zip	County
4-H'ers Birthday mm/dd/yy	4-H'ers Current Age as of Sept.1, 2007	Phone Number	

Part 1: For Mature Horse Projects

Horse Name	Breed	Registration #	Horses Date of Birth	Gender	Registration Papers Attached	Grade Horse ID Form Attached	Validation Fee Received
				G M	Y N	Y N	Y N
				G M	Y N	Y N	Y N
				G M	Y N	Y N	Y N
				G M	Y N	Y N	Y N

Signature Required: 4-H member, your signature at the bottom verifies that the above horse project(s) are owned solely by you or your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian, and are not Leased, rented, borrowed or loaned. Ownership is May 1 or earlier.

Part 2: For Futurity Horse Projects

Horse Name	Breed	Registration Number	Horses Date of Birth	Gender	Registration Papers or Grade Horse Id Form Attached	(A) Yearling Filly (B) Yearling Gelding (C) 2-Yr-Old Pleasure (D) 3-Yr-Old Stock Horse	Validation Fee Received
				G F	Y N	A B C D	Y N
				G F	Y N	A B C D	Y N
				G F	Y N	A B C D	Y N
				G F	Y N	A B C D	Y N

Yearlings are nominated for (A) Yearling Halter Fillies and/or Longe Line, (B) Yearling Halter Gelding and/or Longe Line. A yearling nomination is automatically for either halter or longe line or both), (C) Two-Year-Olds are nominated for Two-Year-Old Western Pleasure and (D) Three-year-old horses are nominated for 3-Year-old Stock Horse Class.

Signature Required: 4-H Member, your signature below validates that:

1. Futurity horse(s) are owned solely by you, your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian as of May 1, and horse(s) are not leased, rented, borrowed or loaned.
2. The futurity horse(s) is/are in your management and care as of May 1st and will remain so through the State 4-H Horse Show.
3. You agree to do all of the riding and training on futurity horse(s) from May 1st through the State 4-H Horse Show.
4. You have read the rules regarding futurity projects in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations and agree to follow all rules without exception. Failure to abide by these rules shall cause you to withdraw yourself from entering or showing in futurity class(es) at District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
5. You understand it is required that you show a futurity horse in a futurity class at the District 4-H Horse Show in order for that futurity project to be eligible for exhibition in a futurity class at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Extension Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Brett D. Scott - Horse Specialist - 2471 TAMU - College Station, TX 77843-2471

Grade Horse Identification & Certification Form

Texas 4-H Horse Project

Note: A horse purchased without papers that was once a registered horse does not qualify as a Grade Horse. Any horse having papers, regardless of whether they are in the owner's possession or not, is a registered horse in terms of 4H horse show participation.

Horse's Name _____ 4H Member's Name _____

Breed _____ Sex: Gelding or Mare (please circle) County _____

Horse's Birthdate (if known) _____ if unknown, horse's approximate age (years) _____
 Month Day Year

Horse's Height (inches) _____ Color _____

Examples of Color					
Sorrel	Buckskin	Black	Chestnut	Palomino	Brown
Bay	Paint	Spotted	Dunn	Roan	

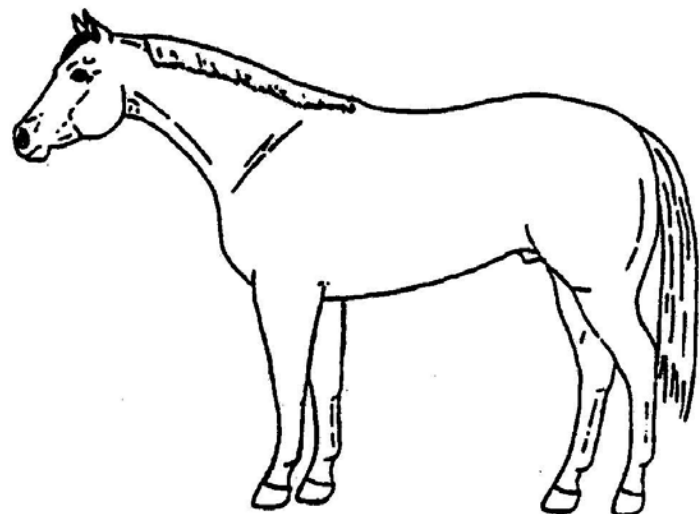
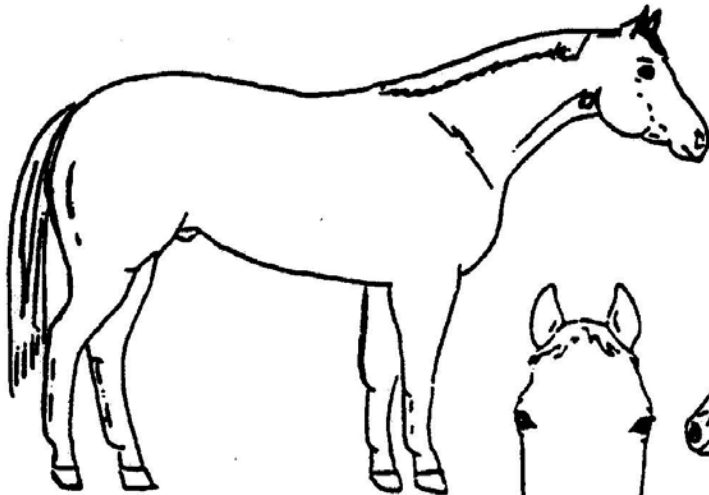
Any unique identifying marks or brands _____

Horse was ☐ raised by 4Her or immediate family from birth
 or ☐ was purchased on _____ From: _____

Date

Seller's Name

Seller's Address



Draw in all areas where white exists on the horse's face, nose, jaw, body, legs. Draw in any brands, scars or other identifying characteristics

Signatures by the following certify that the horse identified on this form is the 4H horse project and that this horse was owned on or before May 1 of the current 4-H year by the 4-Her or that 4-Her's parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian.

4-H Member _____

Date _____

Parent or guardian _____

Date _____

County Extension Agent _____

Date _____

Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

36th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2008

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2008 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
2-2nd Choice

3-3rd Choice
4-4th Choice

Choice	Fri/Sat	Choice	Mon/Tues	Choice	Wed/Thurs
_____	May 23,24	_____	May 26,27	_____	May 28,29
_____	May 30,31	_____	June 2,3	_____	June 4,5
_____	June 6,7	_____	June 9,10	_____	June 11,12
_____	June 13,14	_____	June 16,17	_____	June 18,19
_____	June 20,21	_____	June 23,24	_____	June 25,26
_____	June 27,28	_____	June 30, July1	_____	

*Please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high schools 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, 2008**. This \$300.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining \$300.00 balance is due in the Animal Science Business Office April 15, 2008. 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 your County Extension Agent, 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 of County Extension Agent: _____

County: _____

Date form returned: _____

Return to: Dept. of Animal Science/Business Office, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2471
Phone: 979-845-1562 Fax: 979-458-2756

Three-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

36th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2008

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2008 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
2-2nd Choice

3-3rd Choice
4-4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon-Wed</u>
_____	May 26,27,28
_____	June 2,3,4
_____	June 9,10,11
_____	June 16,17,18
_____	June 23,24,25
_____	June 30, July 1,2

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Thurs-Sat</u>
_____	May 22,23,24
_____	May 29,30,31
_____	June 5,6,7
_____	June 12,13,14
_____	June 19,20,21
_____	June 26,27,28

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of County Extension Agent: _____

County: _____

Date form returned: _____

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**NORTH EAST TEXAS
HORSE JUDGING SEMINAR and
PRACTICE JUDGING CONTEST**



Organizers - TAM-Commerce Equine Sciences Program and Texas AgriLife Ext. Service

Date - March 8 (Saturday), 2008

Location - TAM-Commerce campus- Ferguson Social Sciences Building Auditorium

Target Audiences - 4-H and FFA members
CEAs, Agri. Sci. Teachers, 4- H Horse Club Leaders
present and potential show judges, exhibitors, interested horsemen
college students

Format - Activity will teach attendees to evaluate/place horses in different classes.

1. Instructors will discuss how to evaluate classes, take notes, answer questions.
2. Attendees will judge a few practice runs and answer questions on the runs.
3. Attendees will judge classes, answer questions, and turn in placing (scantron).
4. Officials will give official class placings and answer questions.

Classes - 8 halter and performance classes from Texas 4-H and Texas FFA contest rules.

Times - 8:00 am registration-non-group adult judges, exhibitors, college students
late registration for schools and counties (\$5.00 extra per person)

Divisions -Youth (11-13), Youth (14-18), College Students and Adults

Cost - \$20.00 adults and \$15.00 youth (includes box lunch)

FMI - Dr. David Crenshaw @ 903. 886. 5358, Teri Antilley @ 979. 845.1562. or Dr. Doug Householder @ 979.690.7588.

County and School Group Pre-Registration Deadline - March 1, 2008

School and County Groups Pre-Registration Procedures-

Agr. Sci. Teachers, FFA students and school adults- Make one school entry at JudgingCard.com.
CEAs, 4-H members and county 4-H adult leaders- Make one county entry at Judgingcard.com.

Payment - Schools and counties make pre-registration entry checks payable to Clay Ewell Educational Services, P.O. Box 3791, College Station, Texas, 77844-3791. Entry fees must be received before the pre- registration deadline.