



# Crowley County 4-H News



April 2009



- April 8 Meat Quality Assurance Workshop – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – 4-H Barn in Rocky Ford
- April 20 4-H Gymkhana – 6:30 p.m. – 4-H Barn in Rocky Ford
- May 1 Meat Quality Assurance Workshop – 2:00-4:00 p.m. –
- May 1 Add/Drop Project Deadline
- May 5 Jr. Fairboard – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- May 8 Fun Festival – 6:00 – Eads
- May 13 Market Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh & Tag Inn – 4:30-7:30 p.m. – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- May 14 Market Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh & Tag Inn – 4:30-6:00 p.m. – Crowley County Fairgrounds
- May 18 Gymkhana – 6:30 p.m. – Crowley County Fairgrounds
- May 18 4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- June 4 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Otero Extension Office
- June 11 Cloverbud Camp, Otero Extension Office
- June 11 Cake Decorating, Creative Cooks, & Demonstration Contest – 6:00 p.m. – Las Animas
- June 15 Gymkhana – 6:30 p.m. – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- June 22 4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- June 23-26 State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins
- June 26 Crowley County Fair Entries Due**
- June 30 Ark Valley Fair Entries Due**

## Add/Drop Project Deadline

Members wishing to either add or drop a project have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to do so. **All additions and drops must be done in writing, on the appropriate form, and signed by both the member and their parent/legal guardian.** Add/drop forms are available at the Extension Office or on-line. Remember, you must be enrolled in at least one project to maintain your 4-H membership, and to participate in 4-H activities.

## Display Boards for Sale

Display boards for General and Family Consumer Science projects are available at the Crowley County Extension Office. The cost is \$5.00 each.

## Ford Truck Raffle Tickets for Sale

As stated on page 4 of the Southeast Area Newsletter portion, the Colorado 4-H Foundation is selling raffle tickets to a 2009 Ford XLT F150 4x4 pickup. Crowley County 4-H Members are encouraged to try to sell tickets. If you are interested in selling tickets please come by the Extension Office to pick up some tickets to sell. Crowley County 4-H will get \$2.00 of every ticket sold.

## Council Meetings Reminder

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room. Everyone that is a 4-H member is encouraged and invited to attend 4-H Council Meetings. Each club should have at least one representative at each meeting that is not an officer.

## **Crowley County Jr. Fairboard**

Crowley County Junior Fairboard Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

### **2009 Fair Dates**

Crowley County Days will be July 18<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Arkansas Valley Fair dates for 2009 are August 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fair Award Sponsors Needed**

The summer is quickly approaching and it is time to be thinking about the 2009 Crowley County 4-H and FFA Progress Show. You are once again required to obtain sponsorship for the Grand Champion Awards. You must obtain two \$25 sponsors or one \$50 sponsor to be eligible to show at the 2009 Crowley County Days 4-H and FFA Progress Show. The continued support of businesses, families, and individuals that have sponsored in past years is greatly appreciated. We are also always looking for new sponsors; think about places that you do business with on a regular basis.

Remember that award choices are on a first come basis, so get your sponsors early so they get the award of their choice.

If you have trouble getting sponsors please contact Brooke at the extension office and she will give you names to ask and help you get your sponsors. Remember that all sponsorships must be in the extension office by 4:00 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the sponsor to be properly recognized during Crowley County Days.

### **Market Goat, Sheep and Swine Tag Dates for 2009**

Just a quick note to let all 4-H'ers know we have two dates scheduled to tag and weigh market goats, sheep and swine.

- Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford

- Thursday, May 14, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Crowley County Fairgrounds in Ordway

Otero and Crowley County 4-H'ers may have their animals tagged and weighed at either of the locations. Mark your calendars now and plan accordingly.

### **Purchasing Livestock Projects**

You should be thinking of purchasing your market lambs, goats and pigs for the Crowley County Progress Show and the Arkansas Valley Fair. The following table may be helpful in deciding what weight of animals to purchase. Remember there are no limits for the Crowley County Progress Show, but there is for the Arkansas Valley Fair.

#### **Arkansas Valley Fair Weigh In 90 days - - May 13 to August 12**

Species	Fair Weights	Est. Daily Gain	Suggested Weigh-in Weights in May
Lambs	100-150	.35	65-95
Swine	220-280	1.40	80-110
Goats	50-120	.20	40-60

### **COOL Forms**

Please be sure and ready the COOL regulations outlined in the SEA portion of this newsletter. Affidavit of Ownership/Country of Original Label Declaration Forms are available on the website (<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/Livestock%20Program.html>) or at the Extension Office. These forms are due to the Extension Office on or before June 30, 2009. You must have this form completed and on file in order to sell your animal at the Arkansas Valley Fat Stock Sale – no exceptions!

### **Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Dates**

The last Shooting Sports Safety meeting will be June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Otero County Extension Office in Rocky Ford.

Please note you must attend at least two of these meetings to be eligible to take part in the Otero/Crowley County Shoot. All meetings will be held at the Rocky Ford Extension Office. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Note: Check out our web site for more information, dates and forms for the Shooting Sports activities.

## Shooting Sports Practice Dates

Several dates have been scheduled for Shooting Sports members to practice. Certified Shooting Sports leaders will be available for each practice. In addition, a parent or legal guardian must be present with the youth. Failure to do so will result in the youth not being allowed to participate at that practice.

For practices at the La Junta Gun Club, there will be a range fee of \$1.00 per person per day, and for shotgun, there is a \$3.00 per round fee for clay targets. All practice sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to practice, there will be certified leaders at the La Junta Gun Club on the following dates:

Thursday	April 9	6:00 pm.
Thursday	April 23	6:00 pm.
Thursday	May 14	6:00 pm.
Thursday	May 28	6:00 pm.
Thursday	June 11	6:00 pm.
Thursday	June 25	6:00 pm.
Thursday	July 9	6:00 pm.

Five-stand practice dates at the La Junta Gun Club will be:

Sunday	May 17	1:00 pm.
Sunday	May 31	1:00 pm.
Sunday	June 14	1:00 pm.
Sunday	June 28	1:00 pm.
Friday	July 10	6:00 pm.

The Fowler Gun Club has also scheduled practice dates for 4-H'ers. In order to practice at the Fowler Gun Club 4-H'ers must meet the following requirements:

- All participants must possess an NRA membership card and on file w/ Fowler Rifle Club.
- All participants must be a member of the Fowler Rifle Club.
- Contact: Roger Lundy @ 263-4960 for membership.

Fowler Trap Shooting Practice schedule is:

- March through May – Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 4:30 – 6:30 PM
- June through August: TBA

Watch upcoming newsletters for specific practices for .22 with Ross or contact Ross at 267-4103 about practices.

**Thanks to the certified leaders that volunteer their time so the members can practice. We appreciate your generosity!**

## Gymkhanas Starting Soon

4-H gymkhanas will soon be starting. The gymkhanas will be alternating between Otero and Crowley Counties. So please pay close attention to the date and the *location* of each gymkhana.

**Helmets will be required for all participants doing barrels, poles, or flags. It is only the "speed" events that will require helmets.** This does not affect the horse show at the fair.

You do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H horse project in order to participate, but you must be currently enrolled in 4-H. Also, participants must pay the \$2.00 horse insurance fee. For more information please call the Otero County Extension Office at 254-7608 or the Crowley County Extension Office at 267-5243.

All Gymkhanas start at 6:30 p.m. so come early to get your horse warmed up and to get entered. In case of inclement weather please call the extension office to find out the status of that evenings gymkhana. A list of dates and location for the gymkhanas is below:

- Monday, April 20, 2009 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds – 4-H Barn
- Monday, May 18, 2009 – Crowley County Fairgrounds – Arena
- Monday, June 15, 2009 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds – Arena
- Monday, July 20, 2009 – Crowley County Fairgrounds – Arena – Crowley County Days
- Monday, August 3, 2009 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds – Arena – Fair

## Horse Clinic

The Crowley County Saddle Club will be hosting a horsemanship clinic on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Crowley County Fairgrounds. John and Mary Rogers of Trinidad will cover all aspects of horsemanship for all levels and abilities. There will be a lot of one on one instruction. The clinic is open to all 4-H and FFA members, parents and the general public. For more information please contact Ross Barrett at 267-4103.



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