



4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2012

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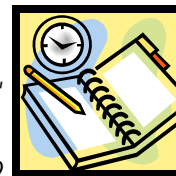
- Feb. 3—2012 Farm/City Safety
- Feb 11—Covington Co Invitational Jr. Heifer Show
- Feb. 25-4-H Steer Show & Sale
- Mar. 9-2012 AL Jr. Beef Expo & Quiz Bowl
- April 6—BEEF-U Registration Deadline
- April 14—BEEF-U at Auburn
- April 26—Deadline to turn in Record Books

It's SHOW TIME again!

"The SHOW must go on"—so our next meeting will be Saturday, February 11 at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. All exhibitors are required to attend and help set-up the ring for the Spring show.

Also the Farm & Home Building will need to be set-up and decorated for the Buyers Appreciation luncheon taking place before the steer Sale on Saturday, February 25, 2012. If you missed the January 26 meeting, please call one of your officers or another club member for all the details.

LOOK! The deadline for Record Books has been changed to April 26, 2012.



Our next regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, February 23, 2012 in the Jon Archer Agricultural Center's small auditorium at 6:30 p.m. **ALL OFFICERS** need to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for set-up and program agenda review.

This will be a very important meeting, all members need to attend. We will be finalizing our plans for the **4-H Steer Weigh-In, Show and Sale on Friday and Saturday, February 24 & 25.** We will also be discussing the State 4-H Market Steer Show. If you have any questions concerning any of the up-coming events I highly encourage you to attend the February meeting.

IMPORTANT! Please READ the letter from your leader, Mr. Coy Smith, carefully. Many, many changes have been made, so READ for times and details.

"Imagine what a harmonious world it could be if every single person, both young and old, shared a little of what he is good at doing" I hope everyone involved in 4-H will take these great words (by Quincy Jones) to heart and all pitch in and work together to make the first ever, 2012 Spring Show of Champions live up to the 4-H Motto: Making the Best, Better! Be involved!

Sincerely,

Maranda J. Marks

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 County Agent Assistant



Letter from your 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Leader

Please read carefully—note changes from shows in the past. Mobile County 4-H Animal Science Market Steer Show Schedule:



Saturday, February 11, 2012

🐄 9:00 am—Show Ring Set-Up Workday—Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds

Friday, February 24, 2012

🐄 10:00 am—Barns open for cattle
 🐄 4:30 pm—6:00 pm—Weigh-In (Registration-no fee's this year)
 🐄 6:30 pm—Club Photo (at backdrop—wear lime T-Shirt)
 🐄 7:00 pm—Team Grooming



Saturday, February 25, 2012

🐄 9:00 am—Kick off meeting
 🐄 10:00 am—Showmanship
 🐄 11:00 am—Weight classes
 🐄 12:15 pm—Appreciation Lunch At Farm & Home Building (4-H'ers bring desserts) (No Buyers dinner this year)
 🐄 1:30 pm—Championship Drive
 🐄 2:00 pm—Old Timers Showmanship
 🐄 3:00 pm—Sale (No Re-Sale this year)

Sunday, February 26, 2012

🐄 9:30 am—12:00 noon or after church 1:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Fair Ground clean-up (Prize Money will be withheld if you chose not to participate.)

RE-SALES: We will not have a re-sale this year at the 4-H Steer Show and Sale. If a buyer wants to re-sale their steer it will be taken to Lucedale Livestock and sold on Wednesday after the Sale or if an Exhibitor is taking their steer to the State Show it will be re-sold the following Wednesday at same location.

SPONSORS: If you get a sponsor send the information to Coy Smith at fred.smith@austalusa.com or ckasmith413@gmail.com I will need this as soon as possible so I can get the information to Kay Tate to generate invoices for our sponsors before the show.

Your President —Taylor Craig

The time for our first Spring sale has finally arrived, and I know you are all as excited as I am. We have really come closer as a group throughout all of the decision-making, fund-raising, and trials and tribulations. As you prepare for the show during the next few weeks, it is necessary to remember a few dates: Our ring set up will take place on February 11. Everyone should know that the show is on the 25th, which makes weigh-in on the 24th and ring clean-up on the 26th. Each person in our club should be at the fairgrounds on every one of these days. Also, remember that the due date of our record books has been moved back until our April meeting. I hope you all have a great February!



4-H Fundraiser

Just in time for the Super Bowl! The 4-H Animal Science Club will be selling Boston Butts for \$30.00 each Contact Jack Williams 331-1977 or Coy Smith 232-7521 to tell them how many you will need. Every club member needs to sell at least one. Pick-up will be Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 am at Jack house. "Sell them for Super Bowl food!"



Premiums Guide 2012

The Awards will be as follows: (This is TENTATIVE)

Showmanship 15 yrs and up—ADVANCED Handling:

1st—\$30, show stick
2nd—\$20
3rd—\$15

Showmanship 12—14 years—ADVANCED: Handling

1st—\$30, show stick
2nd—\$20
3rd—\$15

Showmanship 9-11 year—BASIC

1st—\$20, show stick
2nd—\$20
3rd—\$15

Showmanship—ROOKIE (1st year showing)

1st—\$30, show stick
2nd—\$20
3rd—\$15

Light Weight	1st—\$40	2nd—\$30	3rd—\$20
Light Medium Weight:	1st—\$40	2nd—\$30	3rd—\$20
Medium Weight:	1st—\$40	2nd—\$30	3rd—\$20
Medium Heavy Weight:	1st—\$40	2nd—\$30	3rd—\$20
Heavy Weight:	1st—\$40	2nd—\$30	3rd—\$20



GRAND CHAMPION—\$250, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Ribbon

BEST MOBILE COUNTY BRED—\$100, Belt Buckle

RESERVE CHAMPION—\$150, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Ribbon

HIGHEST AVERAGE DAILY GAIN—\$100, Feed Pan

Team Grooming (Teams of three);
1st Place Team—Aluminum Clipper Boxes
2nd Place Team—Grooming Mats
3rd Place Team—Scotch Combs

Place ribbons for all steer and showmanship classes.

4-H Steer Show Photos



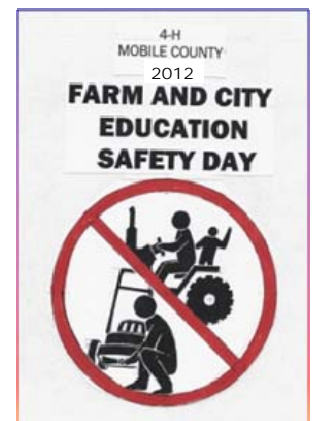
The club agreed for Rhonda Smith Photography to take photos again this year during the Steer Show. Enclosed is an order form. Please complete and return with payment by **February 21**. Make checks payable to Rhonda Smith. If you have any questions please contact her at 251-679-8355 / 680-8707.

2012 Farm & City Education Safety Day

The date for the 2012 Farm & City Education Safety Day Camp is set for February 3, 2012. It will take place at the Jon Archer Agriculture Center at 1070 Schillinger Road, North from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

The following 4-H Animal Science Club Members have signed-up to participate: Taylor Craig, Taylor Gardner, Taylor Evans, Mackenzie Caylor, Madison Caylor, Ann-Marie Anderson, Abby Holloway, Madison Miller and Coy Smith.

Don't forget to request an excuse note for your school. See Myra Gartman and provide her with your contact information.



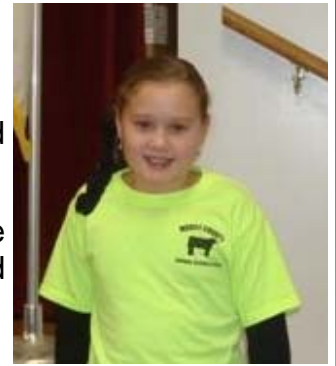
Abby Holloway

Abby Holloway has been travelling the state and winning, winning, winning!

Early in January, she participated in the Leakesville Show and won Grand Champion Steer & Reserve Champion Heifer!

This past week, she travelled to Crenshaw County and participated in the Buckle Classic. Her heifer won First Place, her steer won 2nd Place and she won 3rd Place in Showmanship!

Great Job—way to go ABBY!



Mobile County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting

Three officers attended the Mobile County Cattlemen's Association Annual meeting on Friday, January 27.

Taylor Evans, Whitney Williams, and Ann Marie Anderson did a great job, serving salads, cleaning up, and speaking to the group of Approximately 125 cattlemen, political representatives, and attendees.

Great job representing the 4-H Animal Science Club!

They also signed up 2 new 4-H members. Welcome new members: Ruth Anna Rice and Hope Ferguson



Ed Whatley and his son with 4-H'ers.



New President for Mobile County Cattlemen's Association: Mr. Bob Coaker



Coy Smith, Ann-Marie, Whitney & Taylor.



Representative Sessions & Andy Grant of Alabama Credit Land and Farm Lenders with 4-H'ers



James Miles, the chef, giving instructions to 4-H'ers.

Junior Cattlemen Dues

Don't forget to bring your \$5.00 to pay your Junior Cattlemen Dues by February 23. The Mobile County Cattlemen will pay the remaining \$10.00 for each Mobile County 4-H Animal Science Club member joining the Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association.



You do NOT have to show cattle to become a member of the AJCA

2012 Covington County Invitational Jr. Heifer Show

This show is calling for Mobile County Entries! Show will be held at the Covington Center Arena in Andalusia, Alabama on Saturday, February 11..Showmanship—1:00 p.m. Heifer Show—to follow.

Call 334-222-1125 to register. **No late fees for Mobile County entries.**

B.E.E.F. U

B.E.E.F. U (Beef Excellence Education for You) on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Stanley P. Wilson and Lambert-Powell Meats Laboratory on the campus of Auburn University from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Limited space available for 2012—register early!



Ann-Marie Anderson, Mackenzie Caylor, and Madison Caylor have signed up, but you need to **register on-line!**

Visit this site to register: <http://www.aces.edu/animalforage/BEEFU/index.php>

Volunteers Make a Difference

Eager to help in every way,
Valuable for the role you play,
Exceptional in responding to needs,
Ready with all the right words and deeds,
You're dependable as you do your part,
Day in and day out with a giving heart.
Always there to show you care,
You've won our praise as a great Volunteer!



Volunteer Services



4-H—Making the Best, Better!



4-H Pledge

I pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country and my world.



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