



MOBILE COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CLUB NEWS

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Dates to Remember:

- **Sept. 11-12**—Smith Co. Open
- **Sept. 11-12**—Henry Co.
- **Sept. 19**—No.W. AL Fair—Junior Heifer Show
- **Sept. 21-26**—Shelby Co. Fair
- **Sept. 26**—Market Steer Weigh-In, Evan's Farm in Wilmer & Hands-on Workshop
- **Oct. 1**—Market Steer Ownership & Weigh-In
- **Oct. 3**—DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair
- **Oct. 11**—Paint Panels
- **Oct. 15**—Market Steer Entry
- **Oct. 17-21**—Put up Exhibits
- **Oct. 18**—Alabama National Fair—Equestrian Drill competition
- **Oct. 18**—Show Rig Prep
- **Oct. 23-Nov. 1**—Greater Gulf State Fair
- **Oct. 23**—Steer Show Weigh-in
- **Oct. 24**—Steer Show & Sale
- **Nov. 2**—Take down Exhibits
- **Dec. 1**—Steer Show Recognition Program

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Scott Skelton!!!

Our August meeting was a fun one. If you didn't make time to attend our Summer Pool Party—you missed a treat! The food was great, and a fun time was had by all.



During our meeting, the Fair Exhibit was discussed. Mrs. Nell Williams volunteered to serve as the Chairperson of the Fair Exhibit Committee.

Blake, Sarah, Mariah, Jason, Ellis Paul, Mica and Madison agreed to help. Please call Mrs. Williams if you are interested in helping.

Exhibits are needed to fill up space in the Farm & Home building at the Fair and we could win up to \$250 prize money for our club.

A "theme" was not discussed—so if you have any ideas, contact Mrs. Williams. She will be depending on your help, because many items will be needed to fill up the exhibit space.

Date & time Fair Exhibits can be assembled:

- October 17—9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- October 18—1:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- October 19—9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- October 20—9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- October 21—9:00 am - 9:00 pm



Exhibit take down date—November 2. Items cannot be removed until this date.

NOTE: I will **NOT** be responsible for removal of any items from the Fair Exhibit.

2009 Steer Show Rule #5

Remember the 4-H & FFA Market Steer Show 2009 Rule which states:

TO COMPETE FOR SHOWMANSHIP, EXHIBITOR MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE MOBILE COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CLUB AND ATTEND AT LEAST 3 MEETINGS AND/OR ACTIVITIES.

How many meetings or activities have you attended since weigh-in?

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING—SEPTEMBER 24

Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm* in the Jon Archer Agricultural Center's small Auditorium. Topics of discussion will include:

- **Fair Posters**—ready for distribution in club members' communities.
- **Steer Raffle Tickets**—A Mobile County Cattlemen's Association board member will be attending to provide raffle tickets for the Steer Raffle at the Greater Gulf State Fair. For every \$2.00 ticket we sell, they will donate \$1.00 to our club. This not only helps our club, but it helps the Cattlemen's Association, which sponsor many of our trips and workshops.
- **Contacting Buyers**—By now you should have contacted your buyers. Don't wait until the night of the Fair and hope that someone in the crowd will show up and have hundreds of dollars available to pay for your steer. In this time of economic trials it is important that buyers be informed. You may even encourage them to half the cost of a steer with another buyer. It is your responsibility to contact them.
- **Show Ring Prep**—*Sunday, October 18, 1:00 pm—5:00 pm*—We need everyone to show up at the Fairgrounds to set-up panels and spread shavings for the Steer Show.
- **Fair Exhibit**—Any ideas for a "Theme"?



SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP—SEPTEMBER 26

Since spring weigh-in, you have now reached 137 days into your 181 day steer project and the Fair is just around the corner.

For those of you who are curious about the progressing weight of your steer, the cattle scales will be available at our Saturday workshop which is to be held **September 26, 9:00 am till 11:30 am at the Evan's Farm in Wilmer**. If you are not pleased with his progression, this will give you ample time to put extra pounds on your steer before the Fair.

This will also be a good time to practice walking your steers and working them in a group. If you did not attend a MOCK Show, this is a chance for you to do so. Mr. Skelton, Sarah, Ellis Paul, (and possibly Ken Kelley) will be helping with SHOWMANSHIP TIPS.

If you plan to enter your steers at the State Show in March, 2010, THIS IS a MANDATORY WEIGH-IN!

DIRECTIONS to Evans Farm: From Tanner Williams Road take Wilmer Road; travel approximately 6 1/2 miles on farm is on the left.

From Highway 98 West turn left onto Wilmer Road at the light, farm is 1 mile on the right.

FACEBOOK & OTHER LINKS ON UPCOMING EVENTS

- For those who have given me permission to do so, I have created a folder on Face Book showcasing our 4-H club members working with their steers. This is a Public Relations tool to get these photos and information out to people who may be interested but never knew they could purchase a steer.

www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2029431&id=1551805538&l=ef991d0911

- Visit the Cattlemen's website at www.Bamabeef.org to see photos of Mobile County club members, and read current cattle information.

- Visit Bob Ebert's website: www.aces.edu/~ebertra for information about consigning a bull to the BCIA "EPD Bull Sale, Friday, February 26, 2010. Click on "Youth Beef Cattle Performance Opportunities" for specifics. Also, for information about the 2010 Alabama Junior Livestock Expo.

- For information about the 2010 Alabama Junior Livestock Expo visit Bob Ebert's website. He has posted the information without all the rules for the NEW "American Breeds" steer show, but as soon as he receives that information he will post it.

- 54th Annual DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair will be held September 28th through October 3rd in Fort Payne, AL. The livestock shows are scheduled as follows:

Monday—6:30 pm—4-H, FFA, FCCLA Steer & Heifer Show

Tuesday—6:00 pm—Youth Market Lambs Show

Wednesday—6:00 pm—Open Beef Show (Heifers & Bulls)

Thursday—6:30 pm—Market Meat Goat Show

Friday—7:00 pm—Miniature Horse, Mule/Donkey Show

For rules, regulations, deadlines, or to request a fair book please contact: dekalbcountyvfw@bellsouth.net or phone 256-845-9745 or visit on-line at www.dekalbcountyvfwfair.com



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H MEMBERS!

Alpharma Animal Health to Launch Student Essay Contest This Fall; Latest in its Reach Teach Learn Program:

<http://hosting.bronto.com/9652/public/Alpharma_RTL3.jpg>

In Bridgewater, N.J. on August 5, 2009, Alpharma Animal Health will launch its inaugural student essay contest in select locations across the United States, the company announced at Ag Media Summit in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We are excited to add another plank to our Reach Teach Learn platform," says Jeff Mellinger, Global Leader, Sales & Marketing for Alpharma. "Supporting and promoting education makes communities stronger and fosters an environment that provides opportunities for our customers, employees and business in general to be more successful. Our essay contest is simply another step in that direction."

The essay contest is the latest initiative in Alpharma's Reach Teach Learn (RTL) educational stewardship program. RTL also features an ag video contest for college and university students.

The contest is a partnership between Alpharma, the Agriculture In The Classroom program and the American Farm Bureau.

Agriculture In The Classroom is a grassroots program developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is a national program that strives to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society.

The American Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization with a mission to act as the unified national voice of agriculture, working through its grassroots organization to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and build strong, prosperous agricultural communities.

"The hard work of our partners at Agriculture in the Classroom and the American Farm Bureau is key to getting this initiative up and running," Mellinger said. "On behalf of Alpharma, our employees, customers and the thousands of students who will benefit from the essay contest this fall, thank you."

High school students in selected states will participate in the inaugural essay contest. The essay contest will allow students to share their views and opinions about agriculture based upon a lesson plan, a select book and an essay topic. Students will be given a list of subject matter to follow within the essay, along with rules and regulations.

Alpharma will be awarding the students, teachers and schools with cash prizes. Student awards include 1st, \$500; 2nd, \$250 and 3rd, \$100. Additionally, schools that are represented by the top three finishers will receive agriculture educational grants. The contest winner's school will receive a \$1000 grant, while the schools that produced the second and third-place finishers will receive \$500 and \$250 respectively. The student with the top essay from each school will also receive an award certificate. The teacher of the contest winner will receive a \$2,000

grant/scholarship to attend the Ag in the Classroom annual conference.

"This is a great opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about agriculture to enroll in these courses," said Mellinger. "We look forward to hearing about the lesson plans and reading the essays."

The contest begins Fall 2009 and will run through December. For more contest information, rules and topics please visit the contest Web site at:

<<http://app.bronto.com/public/?q=ulink&fn=Link&ssid=9652&id=jb6z87zu1hcr1i1eff9tr2vzo79rn&id2=g3qz0wrziq2km4mu gs8fhiic0b1ik>> www.reachteachlearn.com

About Alpharma Animal Health

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About Agriculture In The Classroom

Agriculture in the Classroom is a grassroots program coordinated by the United States Department of Agriculture. Its goal is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. The program is carried out in each state, according to state needs and interests, by individuals representing farm organizations, agribusiness, education and government.

About the American Farm Bureau

The American Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement and, thereby, to promote the national well-being. Farm Bureau is local, county, state, national and international in its scope and influence and is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-secret in character. The American Farm Bureau is the voice of agricultural producers at all levels.

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4-H HORSE CLUBS—DRILL TEAM EXHIBITION

The Autauga County 4-H Drill Team has been recognized statewide for its' excellence — it's Coaches and Team have been invited by the Alabama National Fair Board to coordinate the first-ever "DRILL TEAM EXHIBITION" at the ANF on Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. The ladies agreed to take on the challenge, and this event is a "kickoff" to see if there's enough interest to host an annual Drill Team Competition at the Alabama National Fair in 2010 and beyond!

Regardless of the level of expertise, ALL 4-H Horse Clubs with a Drill Team should consider participating in the "FUN SHOW" exhibition. This is a wonderful way to expand their opportunities and experience. While this is NOT a "4-H" event, all youth participating with a 4-H affiliation will observe 4-H rules of conduct and safety.

The Alabama National Fair will be held at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, AL and is hosted by "The 4-H Star Spangled Stampede" Drill Team. Based upon interest and participation, the Alabama National Fair may add an Equestrian Drill Competition next year!

Each team will have the opportunity to perform numerous exhibition rides at the ANF with USEDA certified coaches, drillmasters, and judges available on site for each teams' analysis and constructive critiques.

Cost and Registration is \$10.00 per rider. Registration includes a two-day pass to the Fair (Saturday & Sunday) and one stall (NOTE: Arrive on Saturday to enjoy the Fair and to see Billy Currington perform Saturday night.)

Please contact Sherri Nichols at 334-322-7061 or Bonnie Shanholtzer at 334-224-3501 if you have question or would like to register! Email: al_equinedrill@bellsouth.net



CALF DAILY CARE LIST

Some items to consider include feeding the calves, washing with soap, rinsing, exercising, watering, trimming hooves, getting health papers, clipping, getting feed, worming/vaccinating, brushing hair, cleaning out the bedding, practicing showing/leading, breaking the animal to lead, giving hay and using fly spray.

Beef Management Tips:

- Provide clean, fresh water to cattle at all times. A calf will drink about 8% of its body weight a day in cold weather and up to 19% a day in hot weather.
- Feed steers about 2.5 pounds dry feed for every 100 pounds of body weight each day.
- Feed growing cattle about 12-16% crude protein in their diet depending on weight and growth rate.
- Check daily (or twice a day) for injuries, sickness, unusual things or changes in behavior. Provide shade from the sun and protection from wind, snow and rain.

- Implant, de-worm and treat steers for external parasites.
- Replace dirty bedding daily if steers are stalled.
- Rinse steers to clean the hair and make the hair grow better.
- Brush cattle to calm them and clean and train their hair.
- Exercise tied cattle daily, or let them loose in the evening.
- To finalize preparations for showing, train steers at least three times a week for one month prior to the show.

RESOURCE: Adapted by Josh Merrill, Larry Tibbs and Jackie Buckley with permission from Kansas 4-H Beef Curriculum Notebook.



NORTHWEST ALABAMA FAIR JR. BEEF HEIFER SHOW

JASPER ALABAMA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 - 4:00 PM

SHOW CHAIRMAN: DANNY CAIN, COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATOR

The Northwest Alabama Fair (Jasper) will be hosting a Junior Heifer Show open to all Alabama youth on Saturday September 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Danny Cain, Walker County Extension Coordinator, at 205-221-3392.

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE WALKER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th!!!!

SHOW RULES:

1. Exhibitors must be bona-fide 4-H, FFA, or FHA members. Exhibitors must not be past a senior in high school or be more than 19 years of age as of January 1, 2009.
2. All entries must be pre-registered using the official entry form; no exhibitor may enter more than two (2) heifers per class.
3. All animals must be halter broken and properly groomed. Unruly heifers will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
4. Heifers will be received at the Walker County Fairgrounds from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the day of the show.
5. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own feed, bedding materials, and supplies.
6. All heifers will be exhibited at the owner's risk; the Walker County Livestock Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the operation of the show. The decisions made by the show judge and the livestock committee will be final.
7. Due to limitations in barn space, we can accept no more than seventy (70) heifers on a first come first served basis.

BREED DIVISIONS

I. **BRITISH BREEDS** (must have registration papers)

II. **CONTINENTAL BREEDS** (must have registration papers)

III. **ALL OTHER BREEDS AND COMMERCIAL HEIFERS**

CLASS 1 March 1, 2009 and after

CLASS 2 January 1, 2009 - February 28, 2009

CLASS 3 October 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

CLASS 4 July 1, 2008 - September 30, 2008

CLASS 5 April 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008

CLASS 6 January 1, 2008 - March 31, 2008

CLASS 7 September 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

PREMIUMS FOR EACH CLASS AND SHOWMANSHIP

1st - \$50.00

2nd - \$40.00

3rd - \$30.00

4th - \$20.00

5th - \$15.00



Breed Division Grand Champion—\$50.00 + plaque

Breed Division Reserve Champion—\$40.00 + plaque

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

Jr. Division - Juniors age 13 & under as of January 1, 2009

Sr. Division - Seniors age 14 & over as of January 1, 2009





4-H—Making the Best, Better!



TO: 4-H Animal Science Club Members, Parents and Volunteer Leaders

FROM: Maranda Marks, County Agent Assistant *Maranda J. Marko*

Again, I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Scott Skelton for generously welcoming us to their lovely home, we had a great Pool Party! It is because of their participation and leadership, that this club exists, so thank them every chance you get. I'm sorry for those of you who could not be there.

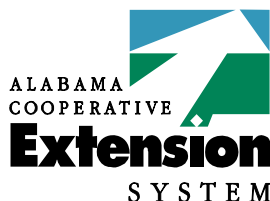
Congratulations to all of you who are pictured in this month's edition of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association magazine! If your family is not a member of the Cattlemen's Association, let me know and I will copy your photo so you can include it as part of your record book.

By now, Exhibitors should have written a letter introducing themselves and their steers and sent out lots of copies to people on the "*Prospective Buyers List*". I need to know the names of these prospective buyers. Bring the enclosed form to our next club meeting on *Thursday, September 24*. I hope you have contacted a NEW prospective buyer and sent them a copy of the Market Steer CD. A lot of work went into creating this CD, so please don't leave it in the folder on a shelf.

Our club has been asked to help the FAIR and the Mobile County Cattlemen's Association paint the panels used for the Steer, Hog, Lamb, & Heifer shows. The Fair will furnish the paint. This is a good chance for you to volunteer to help with a HUGE project. I hope you will donate your time and be at the fairgrounds on *October 11, from 1:00pm—5:00 pm* and support these groups who support us! For those who do NOT show cattle, but are a member of our club, this is a good chance for you to volunteer your help and earn service points. Bring paint brushes, rags, rollers, etc. and wear old clothes and shoes!

The Fair is just a few weeks away so get busy and prepare today!

See you at our *September 24th* club meeting.



*Alabama A&M and
Auburn Universities*

2009 Prospective Buyers List

Exhibitor's Name: _____

	Company	Contact Person	Address	City/State/Zip	Phone #
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