



4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER 2010

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Dates to Remember:

- **Sept 7**—Summer Showdown Deadline
- **Sept 10-11**—Summer Showdown
- **Sept 13**—Summer Sizzler Jackpot Entry Deadline
- **Sept 13**—Summer Sizzler Jackpot Sheep & Goat Show
- **Sept 20**—NW AL Fair Jr Beef Heifer Show Entry Deadline
- **Sept. 23**—DeKalb Co. VFW Ag Fair Entry Deadline
- **Sept 25**—NW AL Fair Jr Beef Heifer Show
- **Sept 25**—2010 Flint River Pork Classic
- **Sept. 26**—Fair Show Ring Prep
- **Sept 30**—Regular Monthly Meeting
- **Oct. 8-17**—2010 AL National Fair
- **Oct. 13-17**—GA National Fair
- **Oct. 15-17**—4-H & FFA Beef Cattle & Meat Goat Show—2010 AL National Fair
- **Oct. 15**—Market Steer Entry Deadline
- **Oct. 22**—Steer Show Weigh-In
- **Oct. 23**—Steer Show & Sale
- **Oct. 25-30**—Hog, Lamb, Heifer, Etc. shows at Fair
- **Nov 1**—4-H Exhibit Booth Removal
- **Nov. 4**—4-H Record Books Due
- **Dec. 7**—Steer Show Buyers Appreciation & Awards Presentation

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our August meeting! We had a packed house, with approximately 28 members present with their parents and siblings.

Welcome new member: **Alec Thompson!**

A motion was made by Mr. Coy Smith to try a “split-meeting” process, with the parents meeting with him in the large auditorium and the 4-H members meeting with Mrs. Caroline Smith, (or another parent) and myself. We voted to try this out at our next monthly meeting on September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jon Archer Agriculture Center’s auditoriums.

Congratulations to the following members for writing a speech and being elected officers for our Club. Their term will continue until next August, 2011.

President—Ellis Paul Rodgers	Vice-President—Mica Bufkin
Secretary—Taylor Evans	Treasurer—Wyatt Bedgood
Reporters—Brittany Mims & Blake Williams	

Reminder: All officers need to arrive 15 minutes early to help set-up tables and chairs for meetings. Also, all chairs and papers need to be picked up (tables can stay in some instances) afterward.

Officers will need to pass out papers and go over agenda before meeting. **Before our next meeting on September 30th, all officers, please review and practice your parliamentary procedure in the back of your officer handbook!**

See you soon!

Sincerely,

Maranda J. Marks

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 County Agent Assistant



Letter from your 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Leader

What a great turnout we had for our August meeting! Once again, I would like to welcome our new members to 4-H this year and congratulate our new officers. We have an exciting year ahead of us and I look forward to getting to know each of you.



I would like to remind you that at our September 30th meeting we will have a change in format. Students will have a meeting with Ms. Mandy Marks and their officers and parents will have a business meeting with me. Please e-mail me any questions, ideas or suggestions you would like to see discussed at the September meeting. This is very important because I would like to be able to prepare an agenda in advance in order to run an efficient meeting. My e-mail is Fred.Smith@austalusa.com.

Volunteers are needed for the Mobile County 4-H Steer Show in October. We will need assistance the day of the show to help us make sure the show runs smoothly (gates, ring, etc.). I would like to encourage students not showing a calf and parents to get involved with the steer show. It is a great way to represent 4-H.

Ring set-up at the Fairgrounds is set for Sept. 26th. Please make sure you attend and bring your own rakes, forks and shovels. We will need adult assistance so parents, please make sure you make arrangements to attend also.

Lastly, be prepared to discuss the Team Grooming event at our September meeting. An e-mail or mailing will go out that will include rules. Please make sure you keep an eye out for this important information.

Please remember to e-mail me with any topics you would like to see discussed at our next business meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Coy Smith

Fundraising Activities

Our club will have two opportunities to participate in fundraising activities next month. I hope you will do your part and help out!

The first fundraiser is the **Fair Exhibit booth**. Our club has a chance to win up to \$225.00 (Blue Ribbon) by entering an educational exhibit in the Farm & Home Demonstration Exhibit Hall at the Greater Gulf State Fair.



We need a volunteer to chair this and a committee to plan and create a 4-H Animal Science Club Fair Exhibit. Booths are 10 feet wide and 10 feet deep, (double booth is 20 feet wide and 20 feet deep).

Last year Mrs. Bobbie and Mrs. Nell Williams created a first place winning exhibit for our club! Let's do it again! Registration and set up begins October 16, 9am till 9:00 pm. Booth removal is not until Monday, November 1.

The exhibit needs to teach the public something about 4-H Animal Science, our 4-H Club, or Alabama Beef in general.

If you would like to serve as the Exhibit Chairman, or work on this exhibit, please call or e-mail myself (mjm0006@auburn.edu) or Mr. Coy Smith (Lacoysmith@yahoo.com) and let us know.

The second fundraiser is the **Steer Raffle** for the Mobile County Cattlemen's Association.

The cattlemen support our club by purchasing one of your steers and giving it away to a lucky raffle ticket holder.



They allow us to help sell \$2.00 raffle tickets and split the total sold. Last year \$1,858 worth were sold. Our club earned \$929.00 on this Fundraiser alone.

Not only do the Cattlemen support us by splitting the pot, but they give an Alabama Cattlemen's belt buckle away to the top seller! Last year Brittany Mims won the buckle for selling the most raffle tickets. (\$800.00 = 30 Books) Can you top that?

I hope you will participate in both of these easy ways to help our club raise funds. These funds are used to support *you*, all club members, so everyone (whether you show steers or not) needs to help.

2010 Farm-City State Essay & Poster Contests



How would you like to win \$300.00 cash for you and \$300.00 cash for your classroom? How would you like to be featured in the 2012 Farm-City Calendar?.

The Alabama Farm-City poster and essay theme for 2010 is **"Agriculture: A Growing Story."** The National Farm-City Council chose this theme to coincide with its focus this year on media myths about agriculture.

The goal of this year's focus will be to dispel some of the myths presented in negative stories, while telling the real story of American farmers and ranchers.

As with past poster and essay themes, "Agriculture: A Growing Story" also gives students a chance to explore the interdependence of farms and cities.

Essay should be 500-1000 words, neatly typed, and double-spaced, on 8 1/2 X 11, white paper. Division I is open to all students in grades 7—9. Division II is open to all students in grades 10—12.

Poster Contest is open to all students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. There are two categories of competition: K—3 grades and 4—6 grades. The size should be horizontal with the length no greater than 28 inches and height no greater than 22 inches. It should be no smaller than 14 inches in length and 11 inches high. Standard thickness poster paper is preferred. (Vertical posters will be judged but **NOT** considered for the calendar due to format requirements.

More information for teachers and students is available on line at www.AlfaFarmers.org or contact your local Farm-City Committee or the State Farm-City committee at 1(800) 392-5705 or 1(334) 613-4410. Mailing Address: Alabama Farmers Federation, Attn: Jeff Helms, P.O. Box 11000, Montgomery, AL 36191

Show Ring Prep

Our next special called meeting will be held at the Greater Gulf State Fair Grounds on Sunday, September 26, 2010, 2:00 p.m. until - - ?? (See additional info on last page.)



We will set-up the panels and shavings for the show ring. Everyone, bring wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels and barn tools to help with shavings and panel placement. Wear your work boots, (no flip-flops allowed).

Raffle Tickets to sell as a Fundraiser for our club and the Mobile County Cattlemen's Association will be distributed at this time.



You will also be able to purchase your 3-day Parking Pass for the Fair Cattle barns (\$10.00). Please see Ms. Rhonda Myrick for this. Bring correct change/cash.

Don't forget to bring \$10.00 to pay Ms. Evans, Ms. Bryson or your new Treasurer, Wyatt Bedgood for your 4-H Animal Science T-Shirt. These shirts will be worn on Saturday, before the show.

Greater Gulf State Fair 4-H Contests

How would you like to win money and blue ribbons at the Fair? Get those, jams, jellies, garden items, sewing, arts and crafts and other items together and enter them in the 4-H Contests!

The Greater Gulf State Fair is just around the corner! It begins on October 22 and runs through October 31, 2010.

4-H'ers please visit www.mobilefair.com, click on premium book, scroll down to 4-H to find out about 4-H contests that you may enter, along with the rules and regulations for the contests. Please read the rules and regulations carefully and follows those rules for the contests you choose to enter.

4-H Registration at the Greater Gulf State Fair is as follows:

October 16, 2010—1:00 pm- 6:00 pm

October 17, 2010—1:00 pm- 6:00 pm

October 18, 2010—9:00 am- 8:00 pm

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 18th at 8:00 p.m.



When you register at the Greater Gulf State Fair, for 4-H competitions or contests, you will receive a 4-H card that allows you to enter the fair and to ride for **FREE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 FROM 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm.**

FYI (other county opportunities)

The Summer Showdown—Henry County Steer and Heifer Show will be held at the Weatherly Show Facility at 6215 County Road 55, Headland, AL 36345.



Friday, September 10, 2010 — 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Processing of Steers and Heifers

Saturday, September 11, 2010 — 8:00 a.m.: Heifer Classes, followed by Steer Classes

Entry Fee: \$30 per head

Entry Fee and application must be received by September 7, 2010.

Any questions contact: Darrel Maples at (334) 524-3372 or darrel.maples@gmail.com

Bama Junior Livestock Club presents the 2nd Annual Summer Sizzler Jackpot Sheep & Goat Show on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Elmore county Ag Center in Wetumpka, Alabama.

Entry Deadline: Monday, September 13, 2010.



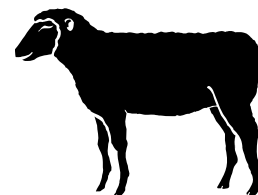
For more information, contact:

Goats:

Delane Hyde
(334) 567-9857 or
delane.hyde@elmore.k12.al.us

Sheep:

Matt McCord
(205) 280-6844 or
mimccord@bellsouth.net



The Northwest Alabama Fair Jr. Beef Heifer Show in Jasper, Alabama will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010—5:00 p.m.

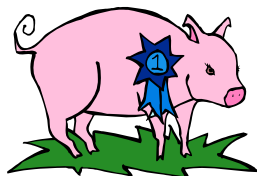
If you have any questions about the show contact Danny Cain at (205) 221-3392.

Mail entry forms contact: Danny L. Cain, County Extension Coordinator
1501 North Airport Road
Jasper, AL 35504-8873



Entry forms must be received no later than Monday, September 20th, 2010!!!!

2010 Flint River Pork Classic will be held on Saturday, September 25th, 2010 at the Cloud Livestock Facility, 1300 East Rive Road, Bainbridge, GA 39817.



For questions contact:

Lindsey Hayes @ (229) 400-8095 or linsbell@uga.edu
Hugh Lanier @ (229) 220-6623 or hlanier@dcboe.com



Ellis Paul Rodgers—*President*



Mica Bufkin—*Vice President*



Taylor Evans—*Secretary*

 *CONGRATULATIONS* 
to the newly elected 2010—2011
4-H Animal Science Club
Officers!  



Blake Williams—*Reporter*



Wyatt Bedgood—*Treasurer*



Brittany Mims—*Reporter*



4-H—Making the Best, Better!



Alabama Jr. Livestock Expo—Ear-tagging

ATTENTION: *If you plan to take your steer to the state show in March, please read!*

EAR-TAGGING: September 26th—2:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds, on Fair Ring workday!

FOR: Alabama Jr. Livestock Expo—March 10-13, 2011—Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, AL.

I e-mailed the new rules and entry forms. I hope you received them! A number of changes have been made since last year.

Please note top changes:

- *All beef cattle entries must pay a \$40 participation fee.*
- *Average Daily Gain will NOT be collected.*
- *A 5% weigh-back for steers is being implemented.*



EAR-TAGS: All steers that are to be shown at the 2011 Alabama Junior Beef Expo, March 10-13, 2011 (and the appropriate "District" qualifying show) **MUST** be tagged with the official "Alabama Market Steer Show" tag. Electronic ID (EID) and visual ID (VID) will be utilized. Steers that are **NOT** properly ear-tagged with both, will **NOT** be eligible to compete in any facet of the 2011 Alabama Junior Beef Expo.

It is desired that both an ACES agent and an FFA Advisor be present to witness the ear-tagging and tattooing of all steers in a county.

Bring your **COMPLETED FORM**, (next page) and you may need to be prepared to pay your \$40.00 entry fee; (if it is determined that we need to send them as a county) at the Steer Show Prep meeting on September 26th.

Swine News

If you plan on showing a hog at the Greater Gulf State Fair Market Hog Show & Sale; the **deadline to register is next Friday, September 10th.**

October 25—*Hog Showmanship*

October 26—*Market Hog Show*

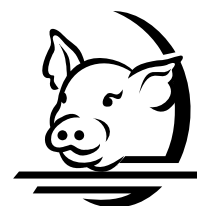
NEW RULE—Exhibitor must be 9 years old on or before December 31, 2010.

Exhibitor may show 2 hogs each but are highly encouraged to find buyers!

Like the steer project, the swine project is an educational program.

It is very important that the 4-H or FFA member provide all the care of cleaning the pens and feeding your pigs. All daily care is the responsibility of the exhibitor, **NOT** the Pig Pen Provider!

To register and for additional information contact: Tommy Odom—605-0903 or Robin Clark—605-3073



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