Youth Livestock Quality
Assurance & Food Safety
Trainer Workshop
Saturday, March 13, 2004, 9am - 1pm,
Arizona State Fairgrounds
Youth Activity Center
The Arizona Youth Livestock Quality Assurance education program is going statewide in 2004 and 2005! Many counties and Arizona State Fair are requiring certification of all youth livestock producers (beef, sheep, swine, dairy and goats) this year, with the remainder requiring certification starting in 2005. It will provide an educational opportunity for youth in every county to be informed of their responsibilities as producers in the food system. During the trainer workshop, UA livestock professors and specialists will highlight key points for each of the eight Good Production Practices identified in the youth and trainer curriculum. Those attending this four hour training will receive a complete set of the written training curriculum and a light snack will be provided. In addition coordinators will receive a videotape with two videos (from Dr. Jeff Goodwin - a $100 value). Trainer certification is required to conduct county and chapter/club workshops to certify others. Come and learn first hand about many of the steps producers need to take to ensure safe, wholesome and high quality products that always meet or exceed consumer expectations.

There is a $10 registration fee and pre-registration is required by March 8th. Names of those participating must be provided to the Arizona State Fair in order to allow entry onto the fairgrounds on the 13th as there are other events occurring at this time. For more information, resources and to see who is currently certified check out the QA website at: http://ag.arizona.edu/extension/quality/

Please contact Pam if you are interested in attending and becoming a part of the Yavapai County Certification Training Team for Youth Livestock Quality Assurance.

2004-2005 ARIZONA
4-H YOUTH FOUNDATION
EDUCATIONAL GRANT
AWARDS
This year the 4-H Foundation is committed to awarding at least 20 educational grants. Last year 21 of the 46 4-H’ers who applied for scholarships received an educational grant. The Foundation hopes to award more this year based on the success of a special scholarship fundraising campaign, the performance of the endowed scholarship funds and the quality of the applicants.

Eligibility and information sheets, as well as applications can be picked up at either office or be downloaded at: www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm

The deadline for turning in applications to the county offices is Monday, March 22, 2004.
4-H EXPO ENTRIES DUE  
MARCH 13, 2004  
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled and in good standing within Yavapai County are eligible to participate. Project Leaders/Advisor signature on official entry forms will signify that an individual 4-H or FFA member is in good standing. Unless otherwise stated, youth participants must be enrolled in the project(s) for which he/she is exhibiting.

Entry forms are available at either the Prescott or Cottonwood Cooperative Extension Offices, or online at www.4hffaexpo.org.

Member and parent signature on entry form(s) shall signify that the member and parent agrees with all conditions, rules and stipulations outlined within all sections and department areas of the Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO Premium Book

Leader/Advisor signature on entry form(s) signify that the 4-H/FFA member is in good standing with his/her affiliated organization within Yavapai County, and has been enrolled at least 60 days for non-livestock, small stock, and large livestock breeding animals; 90 days for market swine, lamb, and goat projects; 120 days for market beef.

Separate entry forms are to be used for each department and/or species in which the exhibitor participates. Entry forms may be duplicated.

Entry fees must be submitted with entry forms. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FEES. Entry fees are as follows:
Market Livestock—$10 per animal (includes pen fee)
Large Breeding Livestock-$5 per animal (includes pen fee)(See top of next column)

Small Stock -$2 per entry
Dogs $3 per class
Horse- $7 per class (includes pen fee)
4-H/FFA Indoor Exhibits- $1 per lot

All entries must be post-marked March 13, 2004. No Late Entries will be Accepted.

Send to: Yavapai County Extension  
PO Box 388  
Prescott, AZ 86302

4-H/FFA EXPO COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, March 2, 2004  
6:30 p.m.  
Cooperative Extension Office  
840 Rodeo Dr. Bldg C  
Prescott, AZ

This meeting is open to all currently enrolled 4-H/FFA members, certified 4-H Volunteer Leaders, 4-H Resource Leaders and FFA Advisors who work with in Yavapai County. To have a voting right you must be actively serving on the EXPO or Sale Committee.

SAILA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST  
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2004  
3:00 P.M.  
PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Southern Arizona International Livestock Association will be holding their annual Open and Junior Spring Livestock Show March 18-21, 2004 at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Included is a Livestock Judging Contest with both Youth and Adult divisions.

The contest will consist on a total of six classes of cattle, sheep and swine. Two classes will also include performance data. One class will have oral reasons given. Twelve minutes will be allowed for each class. Contestants will be scored on their placings and their oral reasons.

Entry forms are due by March 7, 2004 and are available in both offices. Coat is $10/team or $3/individual.
**Horse Committee Corner**

**Horse Committee Meetings Scheduled**
The Horse Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m.

**March 10, 2004** - Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds-Mackin Bldg.
**April 14, 2004** - County Annex Cottonwood Board of Supervisor’s Room
**May 12, 2004** - Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds-Mackin Bldg

For additional information or to confirm meeting times and dates contact Karen Reimann, Committee Chair at 928-636-3953.

**Member Representatives**
Each club is encouraged to send a member representative to attend the horse committee meeting in addition to the leader. The same member does not have to attend each month. They will have full voting rights.

**Yavapai County Horse Shows**
**March 27 & 28** @ B Cross Ranch in Cornville
Entries due March 12

**April 17 & 18** @ Poland Junction Arena
Entries due April 2

**May 8 & 9** @ Fann M Arena, Chino Valley
Entries due April 23

**Mail Entries to:**
Bonnie North
PO Box 11587
Prescott, AZ 86304

Entries are available from your project leader or at either Cooperative Extension Office.

Any horse member who has not attended a Ed/Prof Day must contact their leader and make arrangements with the Horse Committee to meet this requirement.

All members entered in the first show must have their record book current up to March 1 in order to obtain their number.

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**Equine Nutritional Management: An Educational Series for Horse Owners**

**Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds-Mackin Bldg**
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Session I - March 15, 2004**
**Session II - March 22, 2004**
**Session III - March 29, 2004**

This educational series is being offered to provide horse owners with a more in-depth study of equine nutritional management. The material will focus on applied aspects of feeding horses, yet will provide necessary background information so that participants will have a good basis for the decision making process.

The series will consist of three weekly, 2 to 2 1/2 hour sessions. Handouts will be presented at each of the sessions and will provide necessary background information for the next meeting. The sessions will be targeted at helping participants with their current feeding program. Hay will be analyzed (Bring sample to Session I) so that diets can be balanced for each of the different classes of horses that participants are feeding. Computer assisted analyses will be conducted and software will be available for participant use.

**Registration fees are $25** for the three sessions and include the cost of one forage analysis. Additional participants can attend for $10.

Participants who attend all three sessions will receive a certificate of accomplishment. **Forage samples need to be brought to session I.**

For further information & registration call Dr. Mark Arns at (520)626-9538 or send an email to marns@ag.arizona.edu. Registration fees should be sent to: Mark Arns, Shantz 227, P.O. Box 210038, Tucson, AZ 85721-0038 (Checks payable to the University of Arizona)
Grant money available from the National Wild Turkey Federation in partnership with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

By Don Burtchin, State Volunteer Coordinator for Shooting Sports

(Many of you have expressed an interest in starting a shooting sports program here is a wonderful opportunity to receive funding to assist in starting a program for the 2005 project year.)

In 2001, the Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation agreed to provide $5,000.00 to the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee (Committee) for grants to 4-H Shooting Education projects in Arizona. Their generous offer of assistance has been a great opportunity for us to get some deserving programs moving in the past three years.

Again, we have an opportunity to ask for assistance from the National Wild Turkey Federation. And just like previous years, we only have a short time to prepare and submit a grant application. I received the 2004 grant application information from the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee a few days ago. Some highlights from the cover letter and grant application form are:

• Clubs should work together to develop a county grant application.
• Only one grant application will be accepted from each county.
• Application must be received by the 4-H Youth Development office by March 10th.
• Applications will be reviewed by Don Burtchin and Bill Peterson (or his representative).
• Only one grant application will be accepted from each state.
• The State application must be submitted to the National Committee by March 25, 2004.
• They expect the grant money to be leveraged with money from other sources.
• Applications will be reviewed by National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee members.
• Checks will be sent to the states after the first of June.
• Checks will be sent to the counties as soon as possible after an award is received (probably in July, based on when the state received past awards).

Only one application per county will be accepted to keep the number of requests at a manageable number for review and incorporation into a state grant application. This is a great opportunity for Arizona 4-H Shooting Education programs and activities to move ahead. Please take advantage of it. If you have questions, please contact Don Burtchin at 520-742-3865 or use e-mail donaldb@ag.arizona.edu or donburt@gcinet.com.

Applications are available in both Cooperative Extension Offices. Or by contacting Pam at pdenney@ag.arizona.edu
Preparing and Showing Poultry

By Katie Radosevic
Cornville Conquistadors/Orme School 4H

So, you want to show a chicken? As with anything, you start with your first step. In this case, the first step is to choose your bird. The bird should be chosen at least one month before the show. As an experienced showman, I suggest selecting a breed that is appealing to your eye. Bantam breeds (chickens ranging in sizes from 22-36oz.) are recommended for easy handling. The size alone helps you keep control of your bird, which is the most looked for thing in showmanship. Selection of a colorful and flashy rooster is sure to catch the judge’s eye. The chosen bird should be of good conformation, be in good health, and free of parasites.

Once you have decided which bird to show, it is time to prepare. If possible, the bird should be kept in a separate pen from any other chickens. I have found that the chickens stay cleaner and their feathers stay in better condition when they are kept up, and off of the ground. They should rest on cedar shavings because that deters parasites. Next, you can wash your bird to get off any excess dirt. The bird needs to be washed at least 3 weeks before the show to ensure that the natural oils that had been removed can return to their plumage.

At the first moment of selection, the handling and practicing with the bird should begin. Carrying the bird with you while completing outside chores will help the bird become more comfortable in your hands. The showmanship positions should be practiced around three times a week and each session should be about fifteen minutes long. The positions that should be practiced are showing the head, breastbone, width of back, the left and right wings, undercolor, legs, tail and of course, posing the bird.

Also be prepared to answer questions about breeds, colors, health, and general information about the chicken. When showing, the judge looks to see that the showman has control over the bird and knows what to do when asked. Eye contact should always be maintained with the judge. The showman should be respectful of the judge by being neat and clean with their hair pulled back, have a long sleeve button-up shirt that is tucked in, and be wearing no jewelry, not leaning on the table, and answering any questions loud and clear. Smiling is a must; it shows the judge that you want to be showing your chicken and are proud to be doing so.

In general, all aspects of showing poultry is a very rewarding and satisfying experience. I have observed that preparing, showing, and learning about poultry is a lot of fun!

Cornville Conquistadors
Pigeon, Poultry & Cavy

Members Bring Home Honors from Colorado River Small Stock Show
By Patti Marrs, Leader

Ginanina Sangiovanni
Champion Novice Cavy & Poultry Showman
Novice Round Robin Showman

Josh Wheeler
Champion Junior Poultry Judging

Katie Radosevic
Champion Junior Cavy, Pigeon, Poultry & Waterfowl Showman
Junior Round Robin Showman
Best of Show Poultry

Ashley Mecham
Champion Senior Pigeon & Poultry Showman
Champion Senior Pigeon Judging

Jonathan Collins
Best of Show Pigeon

Poultry Quiz Bowl Champion Team-
Ginanina Sangiovanni, Kayla Cummings, Jeremy Cummings
Shooting Sports Training and Certification

Many of the clubs have asked about what it takes to include a shooting sports program for their group. According to Don Burtchin who is the volunteer coordinator at the state level in order to start one of these projects a certified leader must go through a state provided training. The next training is scheduled for June 4-6 at the St Joseph’s Youth Camp at Mormon Lake starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and ending at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is $75 and covers food, lodging and training materials. Applications will be available sometime in April.

Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth

This workshop, initiated in 1962, selects approximately 35 high school students each year who have expressed an interest in the stewardship of the world we inhabit. It is a great opportunity for those who might be considering a career in natural resources or those simply interested in natural resources.

Students who are currently in the Freshman through Senior years in high school are eligible to apply. Students must have an interest and desire to learn more about the ecosystem in which we live. The tuition is $100; however no student will be denied attendance because of financial need.

This year the workshop will be held at the St. Joseph’s Youth Camp at Mormon Lake, south of Flagstaff from August 2nd to August 6th.
Applications and additional information is available in both Coop. Extension offices. Applications must be postmarked by midnight April 10, 2004

CloverKid Policy

We have had several questions come up regarding what is or is not appropriate for members in this age group. The following is the state policy.

Age of Participation: Participation in CloverKids is limited to youth who will be five(5) years of age by January 1st of the current 4-H program year and have not reached their 9th birthday before January 1st of the current 4-H program year.

CloverKid Curriculum: May only use approved Extension 5 to 8 year old curriculum. Approval for other publications may be obtained by the State 4-H office.

Competition: Competitive activities are not developmentally appropriate for children of this age range and are strictly prohibited. CloverKids emphasizes a cooperative approach where children develop social skills. Children at this age are provided freedom to explore and experiment with new skills and not have undue emphasis on the product of their efforts. Children at this stage have fragile egos that make dealing with failure or being less than the best very difficult to handle. Therefore, it is inappropriate for 5-8 year olds to participate in competitive situations. It is very appropriate for a child to participate in noncompetitive 4-H activities and to be recognized for that participation.

Use of Livestock for Activities: For reasons of safety and to remove any perception of competition, the handling of livestock by CloverKids is strictly prohibited. Reptiles are also not allowed since they are known to carry salmonella.
"Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow" (JOLT)
June 14-18, 2004
Camp Shadow Pines, Heber AZ
JOLT is an Arizona Teen Leadership Camp, a camp designed by teens for teens. At JOLT there is a positive environment that promotes personal development, team building and self-confidence. JOLT participants enjoy activities that build trust, leadership and communication skills. The dynamic staff and inspirational workshop speakers that JOLTers experience help make the week memorable. Conflict resolution skills and relationship building skills create the existence of the "JOLT Team" which instigates life-long friendships that are uncommon at other camps.

Applications are available at www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm or both Cooperative Extension Offices. Early bird registration before April 15 is $125.00. Regular registration by May 15 is $155.00.

Arizona 4-H Teen Congress
July 13 - 16, 2004
University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona
You won't want to miss this year's annual event which will be held this summer on the University of Arizona campus. Come one, come all...experience the excitement! "Swing Into 4-H" will give you the opportunity to meet people and experience different cultures, make new friends, share a university dorm room, and gain perspective on campus life. Workshops, inspirational speakers, lively discussions, and hands-on activities will be the highlights of your Teen Congress experiences! Participants will enjoy the evening dances, ice cream socials, and a fun night out.

Applications are available at www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm or both Cooperative Extension Offices. Early bird registration before May 14 is $150.00. Regular registration by June 4 is $165.00.

Citizenship Washington Focus
June 5-12, 2004
Travel to Washington DC and stay in the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase Maryland. Participants in Citizenship Washington Focus will have unique and exciting experiences that will lead to becoming Better Citizens Today, Better Leaders Tomorrow. Activities include a visit to the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetary, Mount Vernon, the National Press Club, the Smithsonian Institution and the Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Memorials. On the trip to Capitol Hill, you might even meet a US Senator or a US Representative from Arizona. Approximate cost for the trip is $1100.

Applications are available at www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm or both Cooperative Extension Offices. Deadline to State 4-H office is March 12, 2004.

FREE-Metal Poultry Feeders to the first person to contact Pam at (928)445-6590 Ext. 253 or at pdenney@ag.arizona.edu

For Sale—“Tony” a 17 year old Appaloosa gelding—15 hands $1800
• Good all-around trail horse
• Competed in local gymkhanas
• Great 4-H ribbon winner
• Been parades
• Easy Keeper
• Call Diane @ (928)776-9896. Leave message.
Farm Safety Day Camp
Saturday, May 15, 2004
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Young’s Farm
Dewey, Arizona

The Yavapai County Cowbelles will be sponsoring a Farm Safety Day Camp for all youth and their parents in Yavapai County. Topics will include:

Firearm Safety
ATV Safety
Fire Safety
Electrical Safety
Stranger Danger
Disability Awareness

With other topics to be announced.
Participants will be asked to make a donation of $3, to cover the cost of lunch. Keep watch for addition information.

Cost Recovery and Copies
By Jeff Schalau, County Director
Yavapai County Cooperative Extension

It is the current policy of Yavapai County Cooperative Extension to charge 10 cents per side for all copies originating in our offices. This policy is in response to state budget cuts and is used for all program areas (4-H, Horticulture, Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, etc.)

The 4-H enrollment fees members and leaders pay each year only partially covers the cost of the newsletter, insurance and awards.
In an attempt to reduce the costs to the clubs we have made arrangements to have a notebook available with all of the current 4-H Project Records in the following locations:
Verde Valley
UPS Store (formerly Mailboxes, Etc.) is at 989 S. Main St.
Cottonwood AZ 86326
PH: 634-8559
The cost will be @7 1/2 cents per copy and our contact is the owner Lance. (See top of next column).

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