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PQA 2012

There are two options for obtaining PQA certification. The class certification option is open to any age but youth under the age of 8 (computed as of Jan 1 of the current year) must have a parent attend the class with them as national program guidelines do not permit a child under 8 to hold their own certification. Certification received through the classroom option is valid for one year.

Youth over the age of 12 (computed as of Jan 1 of the current year) have the additional option of taking a multiple choice test in lieu of attending classroom training. The benefit of the testing option is that certification may last for longer than one year, depending on the age of the youth at test time. Youth must score 70% or better to pass the test and can take versions of the test up to three times in one sitting to pass. Youth only need to complete one of these two options for obtaining certification- not both.

The following PQA class training dates have been scheduled for this spring:

April 17, 2012 - NCC PQA Classroom Training- New Castle County Extension Office 6:30-8:30 pm
April 21, 2012- Kent County PQA Classroom Training- Kent County Extension Office-9:00-11:00 am
April 24, 2012 - Sussex County PQA Classroom Training-Carvel Center 6:30-8:30 pm
June 4, 2012- FINAL PQA Classroom Training- Kent County Extension Office- 6:30-8:30 pm

The following PQA testing dates have been scheduled for this spring (walk in any time):

May 8, 2012- NCC PQA Open Testing- New Castle County Extension office- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
May 23, 2012- Sussex PQA Open Testing-Carvel Center- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
June 5, 2012- Kent County PQA Open Testing- Kent County Extension Office- 4:00pm-6:00 pm

You may attend class or testing in any of the locations. If you plan on attending any of these sessions, please RSVP to Susan Garey (302)730-4000 or truehart@udel.edu at least three days prior so that there will be adequate materials. Please contact Susan Garey if you have any questions or concerns in regards to PQA certification needs.

Horse Bowl

The 2012 Delaware 4-H Horse Bowl will be held on March 10, 2012 at Lake Forest South Elementary at 9:00 a.m. Entries must be postmarked by February 17, 2012. For complete rules and guidelines please visit the state 4-H website <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/4h/animalscience.html>

Spring 4-H/FFA Dairy Show

The Spring 4-H and FFA Dairy Show will be held on April 7, 2012 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. Entries are due to Charmayne Busker by March 9, 2012. The show is open to all Delmarva Residents who are owners of Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire, Guernsey and Brown Swiss cattle. The show will include both a Junior Division (age 21 & under as of January 1, 2012) and an Open Division which will run concurrently. For show information and entry form please visit the state 4-H website. <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/4h/animalscience.html>

Delaware State Fair Dairy and Beef Cattle Schedule Changes for 2012

Due to space issue in the Schabinger building during the Delaware State Fair, the Delaware State Fair Board of Directors and dairy exhibitors and volunteers have had to take a hard look at the schedule of dairy related events for the upcoming 2012 DSF. The show ring that has been located in the Schabinger building is being removed to allow for more space for cattle ties and because the safety and function of the ring was becoming a concern due to the small size. All events that were held in the Schabinger ring in the past, had to be relocated to the Quillen Arena and worked into the existing schedule. Volunteers met and discussed several options and this was the plan decided on for 2012.

Please take note of the following dates of events:

Saturday, July 21, 8 pm – Junior Dairy Futurity

Sunday, July 22, late afternoon/evening – Junior Dairy Show

Tuesday, July 24, all day- Beef show- Showmanship, Market and Breeding

Tuesday, July 24 9:30 am- 4-H Dairy Judging contest- split ring w/beef cattle show

Wednesday, July 25, 6:00 pm- Open Dairy Cattle Show

IBGA Goat Show

The Delmarva Goat Association is holding an IBGA sanctioned regional meat goat show- double points- April 21, 2012 Delaware State Fairgrounds. On Friday evening April 20 at 6 pm there will be a show for youth only. For more information please contact Sherry Blessing (302) 242-3464 or sblessmule1@verizon.net or Maida Graves (302) 236-2107 or gravesgoats@yahoo.com Entry forms will be available soon at the Delmarva Goat Association website. www.delmarvagoat.com

Youth Conservationist Information

Youth interested in applying for the 2012 Youth Conservationist Program

*Must be between 9 and 18 years old.

*Submit an application postmarked by April 1, 2012 that includes:

An essay which introduces you, your experience with animals, if for any reason, the animal is not being kept at your own home, explain in detail where it will reside and what exactly your responsibilities will be, your essay should explain your interest in sheep, and answers the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep".

The applicant should indicate if they wish to be considered for a particular breed or for any of the breeds available. Each applicant must include a letter of recommendation from their 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, veterinarian, teacher, or clergy. The total application/essay should be no more than 2 pages in length. The application must include address, phone and if available, email address.

Interested young people should contact Elaine for an updated list of breeds available, then submit their application/essay to

Elaine Ashcraft 46118 CR 58 Coshocton, OH 43812
740-622-1573 tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com

Please note the underscore between tankewe and cr58!

REQUIREMENTS IF SELECTED:

- Must be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on Sunday May 6, 2012.
- Must exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2012 at : 1) a county fair or local sheep show and 2) the State Fair in the state where the recipient lives.
- Must breed the ewe to a registered ram (of her breed) in the fall of 2012, should consult the donor breeder for their recommendations.
- Must either use the ewe's fleece to personally make a wool item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter or weaver.
- Must submit an article the following Feb/Mar to their local newspaper covering their year and including information concerning the next year's YCP program.
- Must submit a one to two page report, (recommend scrapbook) with pictures to the Donor Breeder by April 30, 2013 and provide a separate scrapbook to be used at the Maryland Festival which will then be returned to the recipient.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE ASHCRAFT 46118 CR 58 COSHOCTON, OH 43812

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Delaware Livestock Exposition Benefit Dinner - March 10th

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Delaware Livestock Exposition, October 13-14 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington. The show is a junior breeding show for beef cattle, sheep, swine, and boer goats and is open to exhibitors from across the country. Entry and registration information will be available in the summer. Premiums will be paid to the top placing animals in each class. The show committee is hosting a benefit dinner and auction on Saturday, March 10th in the Exhibit Hall on the Delaware State Fairgrounds. Tickets will be available for purchase at both the Delaware Department of Agriculture and the Kent County Extension office beginning in February. You may contact Susan Garey truehart@udel.edu or Kristin Cook kristin@udel.edu if you wish to purchase tickets. All proceeds will be put towards Livestock Exposition expenses. Please join us for a fun filled evening!

Genetic Edge Livestock Sale

The Genetic Edge Sale will again be held on Saturday March 31st at Dill's Auction. Preview will begin at 10:00 a.m., there will be a short seminar at 11:00 a.m. and the auction will begin at 12 noon. Project animals including pigs, goats and sheep will be sold at the auction. If you have any questions please contact John Tigner at 492-8794.

The 2012 Equine Art Contest

Entries are due to county offices on or before April 13, 2012. Contest guidelines and entry information is posted on the State 4-H website. <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/4h/animalscience.html>

Adventures in Veterinary Medicine Camp

Tufts University Adventures in Veterinary Medicine Program (AVM) is a unique career exploration program designed to provide participants with direct insight into the opportunities and realities of a career in veterinary medicine. The long-standing program will be celebrating its 22nd year of programming this summer. Participants will have the opportunity to attend lectures by faculty and veterinary students, participate in laboratories, and engage in hand-on activities with animals. If you have youth who are excited by science, enjoy working with animals, and would like to learn more about what it takes to be a veterinarian, this program will further develop their understanding about the veterinary profession. AVM is located on the Tufts University Campus in North Grafton, Massachusetts. Students will be able to obtain a realistic and comprehensive look at what life as a veterinary student would be like by spending time on the campus of one of the finest veterinary schools in the country. They offer three middle school sessions, two residential high school sessions and a high school day session. Each session is designed to meet the educational and developmental levels of students in specific grades. AVM will challenge and stimulate its participants in innovative, fun, and exciting ways. For more information on the program, including dates, eligibility, tuition, and the application, please visit their web site at www.tufts.edu/vet/avm or contact them at AVM@tufts.edu