



Iowa Offers Judge's Training Programs

NE Iowa Judge's Training

March 15, 2014: 8:30-1:30

Waterloo IA: Tama Hall - Hawkeye CC

\$50 Registration by March 3

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Topics: VA, ANR, STEM, PH, COMM, possibly FN (participants must have viewed online videos)

State 4-H Judges Training

State 4-H Judges Training is planned for Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

The judges training coordinating committee and sub-committee members are busy working to design a consistent training system for new and experienced judges:

- System will build knowledge and skills judges need to improve the quality of the judging experience for youth and judges
- Focuses on educate, evaluate, encourage process for 4-H members
- Training includes positive youth development
- New judges have opportunity to "practice" before direct interaction with youth
- Revise and update resources for judges (includes website and online resources)
- Marketing system to make sure all judges and potential judges are aware of training opportunities
- Develop a process for counties and campus to recognize judges' contribution to youth and the 4-H program

Training format:

- The first four hours (includes lunch) of the training builds knowledge and skills for new judges (as well as interested volunteers and parents) and the last two hours is project area content specific.
- Experienced judges will be presenting and all judges are welcome to attend to brush-up on their expertise or expand their knowledge base.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/judgestraining>



Positive Comments

By: Ryan Harrell

Jan. 7, 2014

I have been on the site for 3 years and have judged shows in Arizona , Wyoming ,Kansas, Missouri ,Texas and Colorado and have been invited to judge shows in Iowa, Utah and California since listing on this site. I have added many new friends across the country and hope to meet many more as I share my passion for the livestock industry. Thank You for providing a site where anyone can find a judge to suit their needs.

<http://thejudgingconnection.com/judge-selection2.php?judgeid=81>

Roger R. Miller

Jan. 23, 2014

I want to thank you for creating such an awesome website to research judges. It makes it so easy for people like me to hire highly qualified judges such as yourself.

Christopher Garmon

Exhibits Representative I/Large Livestock Superintendent

Ventura County Fair

"A Country Fair with Ocean Air"



Featured Livestock Judging Team

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M University
(Reserve Junior College Team at the National Western Stock Show)



Introducing Our New Judge

Jimmy Crosby: Eager, AZ

Special Thanks To This Months New Newsletter Subscribers

2 New Subscribers for the Month:



What Does PEDv Mean For 4-H

By: Ryan Harrell

What does PEDv mean for 4-H?

- Fairs with pig check in and tagging will need to take extra precautions to not spread PEDV (via manure) from one exhibitors pigs to another.
- Exhibitors may find it harder to find 4-H pigs this spring.
- Exhibitors may have to pay higher prices for their pigs this spring. As the number of pigs available this spring may have been reduced. PEDV can kill baby pigs depending on the farms outbreak and time of farrowing.

When selecting 4-H pigs an exhibitor should ask:

- Does your farm have PEDV? Pigs previously sick will recover and become healthy but growth / performance may have been reduced.
- Mixing a positive infected herds pigs with an uninfected herds pigs can make your 4-H pigs sick. Signs of sickness can include: Vomiting, Fever and Diarrhea. Sickness can last a short period of time but future growth and performance can be altered.

How is PEDv spread?

PEDV is spread from fecal to oral contact from different pigs.

When is PEDv spread?

PEDV is similar to TGE and is only spread during cold weather (winter). Warmer weather helps eliminate the threat of PEDV in the spring and into the summer.

Can people get sick from PEDV?

No, PEDV is only making pigs sick and no cases of people getting sick has been reported.

How do you prevent getting PEDV?

Biosecurity is the key. Cleaning shoes, boots, trailers, etc... Do not track anything back to your pigs. Once again, PEDV is spread from manure of infected pigs getting in contact with your healthy pigs.



Featured Jan. 2014 Spot Boars

Official Placing: 1-3-4-2

Cuts: 2-4-3

For more information on the January 2014 Spot Boar Class of the month, visit our home page. Each month The Judging Connection.com features a class of the month and a judge from our directory. The public is allowed to vote on the class of the month. The official results of the class is determined from the featured judge of the month.



Featured January Judge

Austin Chandler

Whitestown, IN.

Austin judges Swine, Club Lambs and Meat Goats.

Austin is currently attending Purdue University majoring in Ag. Econ and Political Science. Austin had the Champion Spot Gilt at the 2008 WPX, the Champion Berk Gilt at the 2010 STC, the Supreme Livestock Showman at Boone County, and many county fair champions and reserves. Austin was the 6th high individual at WPX 2008 and fourth high individual at STC 2008, he also was apart of the second high senior team WPX 2008, and first high team STC 2008. Individually Austin was 8th high individual at WPX 2009 and 6th high individual at STC 2009.



Featured Livestock Judging Individual

Morgan Marley
(Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College)