

Amite County 4-H
August/September 2009

Dates to remember:
August 27– 4-H Planning Meeting
September-2 Clover Bud Meeting
September 10– Sewing Club Meeting
September 17-18 Exhibit Day
October 7-18– State Fair in Jackson
October 4– 4-H Sunday
October 17– 4-H Day at the State Fair

Goodbye Summer, Hello New 4-H Year

The summer has flown by, and I hope you are ready for the new school year. I hope that you can look back at the summer and be proud of your accomplishments. With a new school year comes a new 4-H year. I hope you are ready! We have many activities and events coming up. Read your letter carefully so you will not miss out! This letter has important information about upcoming livestock

shows and other activities you can participate in this year. Please let me know if you have any ideas for programs you would like to have this year. **We will have a planning meeting open to everyone August 27, at 4:00** (or as quick as you can get here after school) at the Amite County Extension Office in Liberty. If you have ideas of programs or workshops you would like to have this year but will

not be able to come to the meeting, please share these ideas with me prior to the meeting. I hope to have a fun and productive 4-H year. There are many opportunities for youth and adults. This meeting will be informal and will be a great way to help me plan for the year. I want to plan programs that interest you, and I can not do that unless you let me know your ideas!

Sincerely,

Amy B. Walsh
4-H Youth Agent

Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

The goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is youth development. Through participation in firearm safety training and shooting sports activities, young men and women are given the opportunity to learn responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and other qualities critical to the development of pro-

ductive citizens.

This project also takes adults committed to working with youth and to safety to make it a success. If you would like to become a certified instructor, please let me know. There are only two upcoming opportunities to become certified this year:

- August 28-29 in Franklinton, LA; Registration (deadline Aug. 20) is \$40.
- Aug. 29-30 at Wayne County Extension Office; registration (deadline Aug. 10) is \$85.

Please call me ASAP if you are interested in becoming a certified volunteer.

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State Fair Activities



Make Plans now to attend the State Fair.

The State Fair will be held October 7-18, and there are lots of activities that go on at the Mississippi State Fair. Some of these activities include:

- Fair Village Exhibits
- Modeling Squad Showdown
- Fashion Revue— Make

or purchase your own clothing

- 4-H Day October 17
- Livestock Shows

If you are interested in getting passes for your family or club for 4-H Day at the fair, please let me know by September 15. This pass will get you

into the gate for free until noon on October 17.

If you are interested in the Fashion Show or Modeling Squad, registration must be completed before you can compete. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the fair schedule, please call my office, 657-8937.

Sewing Club

Sewing Club will start back on September 10, 3:30 p.m. at the Amite County Extension Office. This is for youth who have already been involved in the sewing club this past year. If you are interested but were not

part of the Sewing Club last year, please call the office to let us know you are interested. Due to limited space and equipment, we can only work with a small group. If there is enough interest, we could possibly start a second

club.

Current members need to call or email me about what supplies they need. They will need fabric and thread, but please call me for the details.

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--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Exhibit Day

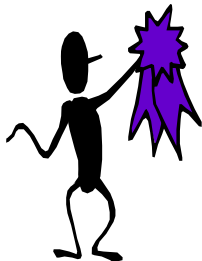
Exhibit day is a time to show off your talents and things that you have made throughout the year. Examples of exhibits are crafts, cookies, models, or collections. Your exhibits should be things that you have made in the past year. Blue ribbon exhibits that are eligible will go on to the State Fair. Please contact our

office for a complete list of exhibits and categories or pull it up on the Amite 4-H website.

The Amite County exhibits will be checked in on **Thursday, September 17, from 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.**

Exhibits will not be accepted after this time. They will be judged Friday and

will be on display Friday after judging is complete. Items not eligible to go to State Fair should be picked up Friday afternoon from 4:00-4:30. Items that are going on to the State Fair will be packed up and stored until State Fair unless you specify that you do not want your items carried to the fair.



Make sure you know what category your exhibits go in before you check them in.

4-H Sunday is October 4. If you would like 4-H Sunday Bulletin Inserts, please let me know by September 1 how many you want. These are informative inserts that tell about 4-H and the values and morals of the youth involved.

Clover Bud Meeting

If you are between the ages of 5 and 8, we have a special club for you. The Clover Buds will meet September 2 from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Amite County Extension Office. This is a great

way to introduce youth to 4-H and help them prepare to be an official 4-Her at age 8. We will learn about different 4-H projects 4-H has to offer and have fun. If you have any questions,

please give me a call, 657-8937.

Next month's meeting will be October 16, 3:30, at the Amite County Extension Office.

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District Volunteer Leader Training

Volunteer Leader Training will be offered for Volunteers and Teen Leaders in Raymond, August 22 from 8:30-1:30. Registration is due August 14. The following workshops will be offered:

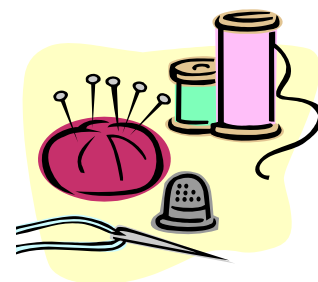
Express Yourself, Clothing Construction and Selection, Nutrition (Kids in the Kitchen), Horse Handling, Congressional Awards, 4-H Bicycle Safety, and Clothing Construction and Selection.

Recycled Insects, Livestock Judging, Express Yourself, Clothing Construction and Selection, Nutrition (Kids in the Kitchen), Horse Handling, Congressional Awards, 4-H Bicycle Safety, and Clothing Construction and Selection.

The following workshops are available for youth (ages 12 -18): Recycled Insects, Livestock Judging,

The following workshops are available for adults: Taking the Blues out of being a 4-H Volunteer,

Please call Extension Office to register.



Important Livestock Information

Ownership Deadline and State Fair Show

Entries

Ownership deadline is September 1st for animals eligible to show at the Mississippi State Fair. Check your papers now and make sure that they are in the 4-Her's name. No farm names or adults may be listed as owners. **Do Not Assume Everything Is Right- Check!!!** Papers may be in multiple siblings' names provided they

are all 18 years of age or younger. Also, now would be a good time to begin preparation for the shows. Train your animal to lead, vaccinate and deworm, trim feet, if necessary, and **make sure you get your health papers in order before you leave for the show.**

Entries are due in the Amite County Extension Office no later than August 28, 2009. Please have your entries in order, as it makes it easier to enter them and

hopefully, this will eliminate any mistakes and/or confusion when we get to the show. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Mississippi State Fair will be held on **October 7-18, 2009**, in Jackson. If you have any questions, please contact the Amite County Extension Office at 601-657-8902.

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Livestock Information Continued

Livestock Ethics Certification Training

All 4-H exhibitors, at least one parent, and all volunteers who plan to assist at the 2009-10 Mississippi State Fair, District Livestock Shows, and the Mississippi Junior Round-up **who have not completed** the Livestock Ethics Certification Program must do so by **September 1, 2009**, before being eligible to show. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

VOLUNTEER LEADERS WHO MAY BE HELPING YOUR 4-H'ERS GROOM ANIMALS MUST BE OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER LEADERS OF THE 4-H PROGRAM IN MISSISSIPPI. All parents that assist with animals should be signed up as volunteers.

Market Goat Exhibitor Special Notice

Check with your 4-H/FFA exhibitors who are exhibiting market goats about horns. Goats may be shown that are polled, dehorned, or disbudded with no re-growth to exceed 1½" above the skin line. Removal of horns is not allowed on the show grounds. Remember the minimum weight of market goats is **40** pounds with no maximum

weight for the Mississippi State Fair. Tags for market goats must be ordered by **August 14, 2009**.

Animal Health Records

Any animal that is to be shown at the 2009 Mississippi State Fair must have a completed health record listing all medications and treatments received within 60 days prior to the show. Completed health records on dairy & market goats, beef breeding cattle, purebred and commercial dairy cattle will be turned in to show management at the check-in of registration papers. Remember, this health record is different than the health papers that you must have on each animal.

Livestock Day Camp

A Livestock Day Camp is being planned for August 8 at the Pike County Fairgrounds in McComb. This program will cover nutrition, health care, premier contest and showmanship for beef and goat exhibitors. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and please preregister with the Amite Co. Extension Service office by August 4.

Dates to Remember

Aug. 8 Livestock Day Camp at the Pike Co. Fairgrounds

Aug. 14 Deadline for order of Ear Tags for Market animals

Aug. 14 Deadline for Entries to the Pearl River Co. Beef & Dairy Show

Aug. 25 Deadline for Entries to the Pike Co. Livestock Show

Aug. 28 Deadline for Livestock Entries in Amite Co. Office

Aug. 28-29 Pearl River Co. Beef & Dairy Show, Poplarville

Sept. 12 Pike Co. Livestock Show, Pike Co. Fairgrounds

Oct. 7-18 Mississippi State Fair, Jackson, MS

If you have any questions about anything pertaining to 4-H, Livestock Shows, or the Ethics certification, please do not hesitate to call me at the Amite County Extension Office.

RETINAL IMAGE/CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

	MS State Fair			District Shows/Dixie National Jr. Round-Up		
	Owner-ship	Entry	Classification & Retinal Imag-ing**	Owner-ship	Entry	Classification & Retinal Imag-ing**
Commer-cial Beef Heif-ers	Sept 1st	Sept 3rd	Sept 14th – 18th	Sept 1 st	Sept 3rd	Sept 14th – 18th
Market Steers	Sept 1st	Sept 3 rd	Sept 14 th – 18 th	Sept 1 st	Sept 3 rd	Sept 14 th – 18 th
Market Lambs	Sept 1st	Sept 3 rd	Sept 14 th – 18 th	Sept 1 st	Sept 3 rd	Sept 14 th – 18 th
Market Goats	Sept 1st	Sept 3 rd	Sept 14 th – 18 th	Sept 1 st	Sept 3 rd	Sept 14 th – 18 th
Commer-cial Meat Goat Does	Sept 1 st	Sept 3 rd	N/A	Sept 1 st	Sept 3 rd	N/A
Market Hogs	Sept 1 st	Sept 3 rd	N/A	Dec 1st	Dec 3rd	Feb 4 th – 5 th
Beef Breeding	Sept 1st	Sept 3 rd	N/A	Dec 1 st	Dec 3 rd	N/A
Dairy Cat-tle	Sept 1st	Sept 3 rd	N/A	Dec 1 st	Dec 3 rd	N/A
Dairy Goats	Sept 1st	Sept 3 rd	N/A	Dec 1 st	Dec 3 rd	N/A

All market steers, commercial beef heifers, market lambs, and market goats **MUST BE** retinal imaged and classified (except market goats) to show at the 2009 Mississippi State Fair and 2010 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows during the week of September 14-18, 2009. See the locations and times below. Make your exhibitors aware of these locations and dates so they can make plans to get their animals retinal imaged and classified.

Monday, September 14: Verona – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Monday, September 14: Senatobia – 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 15: Greenwood – 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 16: Raymond – 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 17: Hattiesburg – 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Friday, September 18: Hattiesburg – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon