Changes and Updates for 4-H Plant Science Contests

State 4-H made some changes to the Horticulture Contest after the Lancaster County Super Fair Book was published. Below is the up-to-date information.

Three Horticulture Plant Science Contests are open to all Lancaster County 4-H’ers. You do not need to be enrolled in a horticulture project. Held before the fair, these contests will be on Wednesday, July 14, 10 a.m.–12 noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry Creek Road, Lincoln. Pre-registration is not required, enter day of contest. Study material information is online available only at http://lancaster.unl.edu/hort/youth/fair.shtml. For more information, contact Mary Jane at 441-7180. Here is a list and description of the contests:

- **Tree Identification** — Identify tree samples with correct name and spelling. The tree list is located in the “4-H Tree Identification Manual” (4-H 332).

- **Grass, Forb, Crop and Weed Identification** — Identify grass, forbs, crops and weed samples with correct name and spelling. A plant list can be found at http://lancaster.unl.edu/hort/youth/fair.shtml. All grass and weed plants on the list are described in either the “Weeds of the Great Plains” (published by Nebraska Department of Agriculture; (402) 471-2394, Cost: $25) or in “Common Grasses of Nebraska,” (EC170), (published by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu, Cost: $5). There is not currently a crop identification guide available.

- **Horticulture Contest** — three parts: Identification, judging, and a written test. Identify samples of vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs, and landscape ornamentals. A plant list, plant identification material, and written test information can be found at http://lancaster.unl.edu/hort/youth/fair.shtml.