



HORSE BITS

Feeding Horses: Reading the Feed Tag

Horses need a balanced ration for proper growth, maintenance and reproduction. A new NebGuide (G00-1403A) has been issued explaining what necessary nutrients do and how to read the tag of a manufactured horse feed. By knowing what you are feeding and why, horse nutrition can be complicated but also accurate and can be customized at low cost in ways never before possible. Identifying the nutrients of major concern for your horse's stage of production, age and activity allows you to purchase the most balanced diet that uses the most digestible ingredients and costs the least per unit of nutrient.

We rely on ready-mixed feeds to provide a balanced, quality ration for our horses, but remember, the tag only represents what is in the feed. Selection of a horse feed also depends on the animal's age, use, activity level and what else it may be eating. Two additional resources are NebGuides *Basics of Feeding Horses: What to Feed and Why* (G98-350) and *Basics of Feeding Horses: Feeding Management* (G98-1344). These NebGuides are available at your local extension office. (EK)

4-H Project Leader Training

There will be a 4-H horse project leader training Wednesday, March 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Kathy Anderson, UNL Horse Specialist, will present information on basic horse health care and current horse nutrition. The clinic is free and all are welcome to attend.

Call the extension office to register. (EK)

Roping Clinic (date change)

The date of the roping clinic has been changed to Saturday, April 29, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the arena of Brad and Susan Frink. Be sure to change your calendars! (EK)

4-H & Youth



4-H Speech Contest

Join the fun and enter the 4-H speech contest! You can give a speech or a Public Service Announcement. The Contest will be held March 19 at the State Capitol. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information about this contest, call the office at 441-7180 or look at the rules in last year's fair book. Speech registrations are due into the extension office by Friday, March 10. (DK)



2000 Clover College

Do you want to learn some new and exciting things? Do you like making projects and meeting new people? Then plan on attending the 2000 Clover College Tuesday, June 13-Friday, June 16, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Some possible workshop topics include sewing, table setting, outdoor education, nutrition and many others. Most workshops will consist of one to four sessions with each session lasting two hours. A fee will be required for most of the workshops. You may sign up for as many or as few of the workshops as you like.

Look in next month's NEBLINE for more information and registration forms. Call Tracy if you have any questions or may be interested in presenting a workshop. (TK)

4-H Leader Training

Want to learn new and innovative ideas for your 4-H club? Then plan to attend the 4-H leader training Tuesday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. 4-H leaders who recently attended the State Volunteer Forum will share information, tips and ideas they learned at the forum. Topics include quilting in the 4-H program, heritage projects, jazzing up your 4-H meetings and many others. Bring your 4-H parents! (TK)

Achievement Night Highlights

The 4-H Achievement Night and 4-H: What's It All About? program was held February 8. The night began with 4-H members giving demonstrations, speeches, modeling clothing items, performing musical



selections and sharing information about other 4-H events and opportunities. 4-H youth and volunteers were also recognized for their achievements in 1999 and the time they have given to the program.

Receiving the Meritorious



Service Award was Gerald and Janice Halling. This award recognizes the many years of dedicated service they gave to

the 4-H program. Community service awards were presented to the following 4-H'ers: Ashley Asche, Karen Clinch, Holly Kohel, Ian Beck-Johnson, Ashley Dryer, Jeri Vallicott, Sam Beck-Johnson, Becky Fiala,

Emily Veburg, Megan Bergman, Will Fox, Michaela White, Nick Bevans, Andrew Kabes and Sean White. This award is given to those 4-H'ers with the largest numbers

of volunteer hours.

Each year 4-H members turn in record books to show their accomplishments in the 4-H program. This year's county award winners were Rachel Rentschler, Andres Kabes and Becky Fiala. County winners selected to represent Lancaster County at the district competition were Megan Bergman, Brenda Fiala, Andrew Kabes and Becky Fiala.

Receiving the Outstanding 4-H member award was Valerie Lemke. I Dare You awards were presented to Brenda Fiala and Michaela White.

The 4-H Council gave eight scholarships. Receiving these awards were Brenda Fiala, Todd Filipi, Sarah Fry, Lindsey Johnson, Valerie Lemke, Sara Messick, Jesse Schrader and Michaela White. Sara Messick



was presented the Jonathan Backes scholarship. Valerie Lemke and Sara Messick received the Lincoln Center Kiwanis scholarship and Sara Messick received the Lane scholarship.

The 1999 Outstanding 4-H Club awards, sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis, were presented to the following clubs:



Prairie Pals Dairy, led by Deb Heidtbrink, Clover & Company, led by Kay Clinch and Happy Go Lucky, led by Ron Dowding. (TK)

Fair Exhibit Changes:

Challenging Patterns & Challenging Fabrics

A purchased top can be included with the two piece outfit. A jumper is not a two piece outfit and requires a constructed top.

Meals:

Cornbread—cornbread (any recipe or shape) - At least 3/4 of baked product or 4 muffins on a paper plate. May be baked in disposable pan. Include cost of making the recipe and a menu for a complete meal where this recipe is served.

No cracker or chips exhibit.

Tasty Tidbits

No pretzels

Creative Mixes—creative mixes (any recipe, at least 3/4 of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate. May be baked in a disposable pan.) Baked item made from a mix (commercial or homemade mixes acceptable). Food product must have been modified to make a new or different baked item. (Poppysed Quick Bread from a cake mix, cake mix cookies, Streusel Coffee Cake from a cake mix, etc.) Tell what you learned about making this product using a pre-measured mix instead of a recipe made from scratch. Does it make it better or easier to use a mix?

Biscuits—4 biscuits on a small paper plate. May be rolled, dropped or cut into shape. Any recipe.

Photography

Exploring Photography-Unit II

Digital photography display: An entry will consist of 5 different pictures taken with a digital camera OR a series of 5 pictures showing how computer software to enhance or change a single digital camera picture.

Adventures With Adjustable Cameras-Unit III

Special effects exhibit print: Selection categories for enlargement include: (1) double exposure, (2) light painting, (3) flash multiple exposure, (4) filters, (5) night time exposure (6) computer scanner and software adjustment of 4-H'ers photo (7) zooming (using a slow shutter speed while simultaneously sliding the zoom barrel on the lens either in or out. Zooming in or out will cause lines to shoot in towards or outward from your subject creating the effect of motion on the subject.)

Nebraska theme exhibit print: "Nebraskans at Work"-Catch working Nebraskans in action.

Digital photography file: A jpeg, gif tif file of a digital photo will be submitted to the photography superintendent in one of the following ways: (1) 100 mg zip disk, (2) e-mail, (3) posted to a web page, (4) FTP. (LB)