Pre-Weigh in a Success!

Totals are in:
- beef 26
- goats 34
- swine 130
- sheep 115

We had a great time at Pre-Weigh In!

Successful Show Tips

1. Gather grooming aids, stall or pen cleaning tools, feed and other items together at least a week prior to weigh-in. Label with name of owner.
2. Weeks before fair try on your uniform, clean, press, and don’t lose it.
3. Make a list of all needed items to be loaded the day of the Fair.
4. Know how to load the exhibit animal. Start early! Keep stress for humans and livestock to the bare minimum.
5. Have telephone numbers for the project leader and other project members handy; then, if the truck won’t start, you’ll have someone to call for assistance.
6. Practice grooming skills several times during the spring. Begin preparing the outer appearance of the animal according to the project leader’s instructions.
7. Practice showmanship techniques every chance you get. Animals will respond better to a familiar routine even when confronted with many other strange animals.
8. While at the Fair, maintain livestock at its peak condition by keeping animals cool, reducing stress, feeding regularly, and maintaining cleanliness.
9. NEVER BRING A SICK ANIMAL TO THE FAIR!!

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**Battle of the Bands**

Come support our fair!
Now more than ever we need 4-H families to support our fair.

Date: July 2nd
Time: Noon-Sundown
Place: Amador County Fairgrounds

Tickets/Event Info at: www.amadorcountyfair.com

Look for the flyer at the end of the Diggings.

**Fair Livestock Work Day**

We need fellow 4-Her’s to help work at the Amador County Fair.
There will be plenty of jobs to pick from.

1. Saturday, June 18th from 9-1
   Please bring gloves to protect your hands.

2. Sunday, July 24th from 7am until we finish.

**1st Place Float**

JGW won first place award for their float in the club/organization category. Valerie A. commented that this year was the largest turn out for the club even with the eminent threat of rain. A big thank you goes out to Chris V & Lisa S. for all of their hard work.

**Shenandoah Valley 4-H Club Goat Group**

On May 7th we attended the 29th Annual Spectacular Cal-Am ADGA Show in Plymouth. It was a fun time for everybody to meet different kids from around the area into goats. Everybody had a chance to put there learning to use by competing in the showmanship class. Danielle Dentone got a first in the showmanship class. Nicole Dentone got a third place in the under 6 month class.
New All Stars!  

June 7th marked the acceptance of two new All Stars. Welcome Kate Courtney & Katherine Stiltz. Both girls showed an amazing breadth of 4-H work throughout the years. They will be a huge asset to Amador County 4-H.

The colors are **GREEN** and **WHITE**
The **GREEN** stands for growing, living things and the **WHITE** for purity and cleanliness

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Mini Rex National Show

On April 15-17 I showed my rabbits at the Mini Rex National show in Reno Nevada. There were exhibitors from all over the united states there. Each year the Mini Rex club holds a national show in a different state. This year it was in Nevada and since it was pretty close to us we got to go. This is my 4th time competing in a national show. The show was held, and we stayed at the Grand Sierra Resort.

I took seven rabbits. Five of them placed in the top three. I received first place for my Sable Point Jr Buck, he also went on to win best opposite of variety. First place Chinchilla sr doe and first place chinchilla jr buck. My chinchilla Sr buck was second place and my sable point sr doe was third place. I received a very nice medal for each of these placings and a plaque for the variety win. On Saturday night they held a banquet which was a lot of fun. On Sunday we had a specialty show where I again did very well. Alfalfa my sable point buck was best of variety. During the national show they held several other breed nationals and an all breed show. Gracen Santinelli attended these shows and won best and opposite of breed with her Californians several times. Gracen and I got to go bowling at the hotel which was a lot of fun. I also got to visit with some of my rabbit friends who I only get to see at the shows because they live in different parts of the state.

Submitted by Katherine S.

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Host a youth from Japan!

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world. 4-H members will have an opportunity to host Japanese exchange students, ages twelve through sixteen, for four weeks this summer. The youth will be visiting the United States as part of a 4-H Exchange Program. You don’t need a large home to host. You don’t need to tour around California. You only need a willingness to share your everyday life and your friendship with a young person from another country. The program is open to members and families who have a child close in age to the Japanese youth. One Japanese visitor will be matched to a family based on the host sibling’s gender, age, and interests. The homestays are only for a month during the summer, but the experience will last a lifetime! There are also opportunities to host adult chaperones for 2-4 weeks. Families who host chaperones are not required to have children in the home. For more information, visit http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/Japanese_Exchange/ or contact the California State Coordinator.
**Housecleaning Items**

**Fair Premium Book & Forms**
You can find the Amador County Fair Premium Book and all of the forms you will need for 4-H on the Amador County 4-H Extension site [here].

**Brush up on the State Rules for California Fairs**
You can download the State Rules [here].
Get familiar with what the governing rules are for this and all fairs. It is the responsibility of the showman to know the rules.

**Need White’s for Fair?**
We have a “white’s” exchange in Amador County. There’s a limited supply of “recycled” white shirts and pants available. I
If you know the waist/inseam size for pants email 4hdig-gings@gmail.com for arrangements.
We also have "recycled" ties and hats in the supply.
If you’re looking to buy new hats/ties/scarves they can be found at Leslie Carmen.

**Amador County Fair Board Meeting**
Thursday, June 9th & July 14th @ 6 pm located in the boardroom.

**Jr Livestock Advisory Committee**
meeting Thursday, June 23rd @ 6:00 pm in the office boardroom.

**Calendar of Events**
- **June 22**, Livestock entries close
- **June 25**, 2nd Generation Dinner
- **July 2**, Plymouth Parade
- **July 2**, Fair Fundraiser Battle of the Bands
- **Tuesday, 5**, Windows for Fair can be started **July 18-31**, Calif State Fair
- **June 23**, STILL ENTRIES COME IN
- **July 28-31**, Amador County Fair “Dancing with the Steers”
- **July 28–31**, 4-H State Leadership Conference
- **August 2**, 4-H Council Meeting

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Take Action! Help our Fair!

Amador FairAide

Saturday, July 2nd
Noon-Sundown.
Amador County Fairgrounds

*Battle of the Bands Concert
Featuring
*Bands! Bands! Bands!

*Multiple Stages
*Carnival *Games
*Family Fun!
*BBQ *Drinks

Tickets $15
At the Gate or
Online
(12 and Under
Free)

Picnics okay but no outside alcoholic beverages allowed!

Tickets/Event Info at: www.amadorcountyfair.com
2nd Generation Dinner
Auction & Dinner to benefit the Amador County Jr. Livestock Auction

F O U R T H A N N U A L

SATURDAY

June 25
2011

Amador County Fairgrounds
Plymouth, CA

5 pm No-host bar
7 pm Dinner

Dinner Tickets
In advance: $25/Person, $40/Couple
At the door: $30/Person, $50/Couple
Children: (12 yrs. & younger) $10

Purchase tickets online:
2ndGenerationDinner.com

Tickets purchase locations:
Clarks Corner, Ione
Rancher’s Outlet, Plymouth
Laughton’s Feed, Jackson

Raffle Tickets
$20 each or 6 for $100
Enter for a chance to win:
■ Vacation cruise for 2!
■ Choice of one of the following:
  • Mossberg 300 Win Mag
  • Heritage Arms 22/22mag Combo Pistol
  • Tikka 223
  • Tristar Semi Auto 12g
■ Squeeze of hay delivered and more… too many too list!

Purchase advance dinner tickets to save time and money. Tickets will be available for pick up the evening of the event. Buy raffle tickets and help support 2nd Generation even if you cannot attend the event.

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