



2008 Regional 4-H Horse Production Shows

All 4-H members in production projects should be aware of enclosed information, current PA 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and 4-H Horse Production Project Guidelines.

Please see information on page 2 for youth under 12 years of age showing production animals.

- * Safety must be considered at all times and is especially important when youth are working with young horses. All 4-H members should be carefully supervised to ensure that they are able to safely handle and control their production project animal(s).
- * **All youth should be proficient in all Level I 4-H Horsemanship Skills (handling and/or riding skills as appropriate) with their project animal prior to showing.** Skills testing is not required for youth over 12 years of age, but is strongly encouraged. Parents and instructors should determine if the 4-H member is capable of safely handling their animal(s).
- * Exhibitors will be judged on handling, showmanship and horsemanship abilities. Horses will be judged according to breed and type standards, as well as performance in-hand or under saddle. See *Production Project Guidelines* for details.
- * Parents, leaders and instructors should work with youth to teach proper handling, conditioning, and showing techniques with production project animals.

2008 Regional Production Shows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Chairperson/Contact</u>
7/28	Mercer Co. 4-H Park	Mercer	10 a.m.	Bryan Dickinson (Lawrence Co.)
7/29	Porchview Stables Acme, PA	Westmoreland	10 a.m.	Joann Logan
7/30	Williamsport Riding Club	Lycoming	12 noon	Sarah Arrigonie
7/31	Huntingdon Horsemen's Show Grounds	Huntingdon	10 a.m.	Christine Corl
8/1	Montgomery County 4-H Center Creamery, PA	Montgomery	10 a.m.	Nancy Kadwill

A 4-H member may exhibit his/her production project animal in any of the above listed shows. The choice of location is the decision of the individual 4-H member. Youth may show in only one show.

Entries: Due as noted below by **June 27, 2008**. Entry fees are **\$15.00** per class. (See entry checklist.)

Hard copies of Production Show Entry Form cards and entry fees should be sent to respective show chairpersons and county computer entries should be sent to showprograms@psu.edu

Counties should send one check per county for the total county entries. Do not send individual entry checks.

The 2008 Regional Production Shows will be governed by the rules as stated in the current Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and any available supplement. Please be aware of Production Project Guidelines, General Rules and all Production Rules, pages 11-16, including clarification of some rules as follows:

Rules and Guidelines are available from county extension offices, or on the web site at www.das.psu.edu – go to 4-H programs, horses and rules.

1. All members to be eligible to compete at the regional and state production shows must have completed appropriate project requirements as determined by each county.

2. 4-H members must be 12 years of age or older *or* have passed handling skills of the Level 1 Horsemanship Skills Program with *each* production project animal to show at county, regional, or state 4-H production shows. Youth under 12 years of age must retest the appropriate Level 1 handling skills on an annual basis with each production project animal to be shown.

For 4-H members *under* 12 years of age, a copy of the Level 1 Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet must be included with entry forms or submitted at the show for each animal. The Evaluation Sheet must include signatures of 3 certified Horsemanship Skills examiners and indicate that the youth has passed all applicable handling skills. Youth under 12 years of age who have *not* passed Level 1 handling skills may be *enrolled* in the production project but will not be allowed to *show* until they are 12 years of age (4-H age as of January 1 of current year) *or* meet the handling skills requirement.

➤ County listings of certified Horsemanship Skills Examiners are available from respective Penn State Cooperative Extension offices or on the PA 4-H Horse Program website. **ONLY evaluation sheets signed by certified examiners who have successfully completed Level 1-2 examiner training are acceptable to fulfill the production show requirements for youth under age 12. Please see enclosed information for specific details about Horsemanship Skills testing for youth under 12.**

3. Verification of current rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian is required for all horses over six months of age at the regional shows. (Pages 3 & 4, rule 13)

4. Proof of current negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) status is required for all regional production shows and the state show for all horses over six (6) months of age. (Page 4, rule 14)

5. Foals of the current year must be born by May 1 and entered by the show entry deadline in order to show. **NEW RULE** (Page 13, rule 6).

6. No stallions older than weanlings are allowed to be shown. **NEW RULE** (Page 13, rule 11).

7. Classes offered at the shows will be as indicated in the current rule book (pages 14-15). **If a specific breed is not listed on page 14, the animal is shown as grade (stock, hunter, saddle, or draft type).** There are no regional or state show classes for mules or donkeys; they may be shown as stock, hunter, saddle, or draft type.

NEW CLASSES: In hand breed or type classes have been added for three year old geldings and fillies. Pleasure futurity classes have been added for five year olds. (Page 15)

8. English and Western Pleasure Futurities: Refer to page 15 of current rule book for eligibility information.

9. See page 15, rule 15 regarding breeds with color classifications.
- 10. In all registered production classes, photocopies of the horse's registration papers must be submitted with entries for the regional show by the show entry deadline.** For weanlings, either breeder's certificates or application for registration must be submitted with entries for the Regional Production Show by the show entry deadline. For draft breeds where registration paper, breeders certificate or application for registry is unavailable, a signed statement must be obtained from the owners of the sire and dam indicating that the horse is eligible for registration. This statement must be presented with entries for the regional show by the show entry deadline. (Pages 15 & 16, rule 23)
- If registration papers (or documentation as indicated in rule 23) are unavailable by the show entry deadline, the horse must be shown as a grade animal and must continue to be shown as a grade animal that year.** In future years, the horse may be shown as a registered animal with proper proof of registration.
11. Production show entry form cards are available from the county extension office or Publications Distribution. The current BLUE registered cards are indicated by "REVISED 2008" in lower right corner. The current GRADE and FUTURITY cards are indicated by "REVISED 2008" in lower right corner. Please use only these cards. Do not use old cards!
12. The regional shows will be judged on a modified Danish system, and all blue ribbon entries will be eligible for the State Show. (See item 14.)
13. **State Show entries MUST be made at the regional show. See page 16, rule 26.**
State show entry fees are \$20.00 per class and must be paid at the regional show.
Additional state show details will be available at the regional shows.
14. **If there are less than two horses entered in a State Show class, the classes may be combined and the entries shown together. If there is no reasonable combination of entries, single entries will be shown individually in separate classes.** Those exhibitors showing in a combined or single entry class exhibitors will be notified by September 20 or as soon as possible. **Single entry classes will not be canceled, but *may* be combined.**
15. **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS, PARENTS, TRAINERS and HELPERS:**

Plan to arrive early at the regional show and check in at the show office. The show office will be open for registration no later than two hours prior to the show start time.

Class sizes are often small or classes may be canceled due to scratches or no shows. The show catalog may *not* indicate all scratches or canceled classes since last minute cancellations may occur at the show. Classes may run *very* quickly and exhibitors will be late or miss their class if they do not pay attention to the progression of the show.

Exhibitors are expected to be on time for their class and at the in-gate ready to show when called by the paddock master and judge. There will be a designated holding area for horses and exhibitors to assemble prior to their class. Exhibitors should be in the holding area and check in with the paddock master no later than 2 or 3 classes prior to their respective classes.

See regional show order on next page. Plan accordingly to arrive in sufficient time to be on time and ready for your class!

Thank you for your cooperation and participation. Good Luck!

SHOW ORDER - 2008 REGIONAL 4-H HORSE PRODUCTION SHOWS

THE SHOW ORDER AT EACH SHOW WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **REGISTERED CLASSES** will be held first in the order as listed in current rule book on page 14 *and* in the following order:

1. Colts and geldings of this year **NOTE:** *There are NO classes for colts older than weanlings.*
2. Yearling geldings
3. Two year old geldings
4. Three year old geldings
5. Fillies of this year
6. Yearling fillies
7. Two year old fillies
8. Three year old fillies

2. **GRADE OR UNREGISTERED CLASSES** will be next in the following order:

1. DRAFT TYPE HORSES
2. DRAFT TYPE PONIES
3. HUNTER TYPE HORSES
4. HUNTER TYPE PONIES
5. SADDLE TYPE HORSES
6. SADDLE TYPE PONIES
7. STOCK TYPE HORSES
8. STOCK TYPE PONIES

EACH GRADE DIVISION will be held in the following order:

1. Colts and geldings of this year **NOTE:** *There are NO classes for colts older than weanlings.*
2. Yearling geldings
3. Two year old geldings
4. Three year old geldings
5. Fillies of this year
6. Yearling fillies
7. Two year old fillies
8. Three year old fillies

3. **PLEASURE FUTURITY CLASSES** will be held last in the following order:

ENGLISH

- Two Year Olds (Walk-Trot) *
- Three Year Olds
- Four Year Olds
- Five Year Olds

WESTERN

- Two Year Olds (Walk-Trot) *
- Three Year Olds
- Four Year Olds
- Five Year Olds

* **NOTE:** This class does NOT advance to state show; regional show class only.

Plan to arrive early at the show. Exhibitors are expected to be on time and ready to show when called. Check in with the paddock master in the holding area *no later than 2-3 classes prior to your respective class.* Classes may be small or canceled due to lack of entries or scratches and the show may run quickly. Exhibitors will be late or miss their class if they do not pay attention to the progression of the show. *See attached information for details.*

ENTRY FEES: \$15.00 per class

Production Show Entries CHECKLIST (Extension Educators & County Staff)

ENTRY DEADLINE June 27, 2008

Computer Program:

Computer entries should be submitted to showprograms@psu.edu by each county as an e-mail attachment using the program distributed by Computer Services. Questions about the computer program should be directed to this address which will be monitored by support staff in Computer Services.

Entry Cards:

- * Production Show Entry Form cards for all entries from each county should be sent to the regional show chairperson.
- * Production Show Entry Form cards are available from Publications Distribution (Ag Mailroom) (814-865-6713).
- * The current BLUE registered cards are indicated by "REVISED 2008" in lower right corner. The current GRADE and FUTURITY cards are indicated by "REVISED 2008" in lower right corner. Please do not use old cards!

PLEASE USE THE APPROPRIATE COLOR CODED CARDS FOR ENTRIES:

- * Use **BLUE** cards for registered entries.
- * Use **PINK** cards for grade entries.
- * Use **YELLOW** cards for pleasure futurity entries:
- * If the animal is being shown at halter and in a pleasure futurity, two separate cards must be submitted for that horse (one yellow, and one blue or pink)

Entry Information:

All entries must have copies of the following attached with entry:

1. Registration papers or application for registration as per current rule book (registered classes only)
2. Completed and signed medical and emergency consent form for each exhibitor

Copies of each of the above should be made in the county office and sent with entries to the respective regional production show chairperson.

County extension agents should review paperwork and verify status for:

1. Rabies vaccination administered by licensed veterinarian
2. Negative EIA test (Coggins Test)
3. Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Form (VCPR; from PA Dept. of Agriculture)

Verification of rabies vaccination, *copies* of negative EIA test results and VCPR form should be maintained in the county office. 4-H members should keep original documents.

It is **not** necessary to submit copies of rabies vaccination verification, negative EIA test results and VCPR **IF** status is verified in county office **and** noted on entry forms and in computer program.

Youth Under 12 Years of Age:

Must submit a copy of the Level 1 Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet with entry or submit at the show for each animal. The Evaluation Sheet must include signatures of 3 certified Horsemanship Skills examiners and indicate that the youth has passed all applicable handling skills.

Entry Fees:

- * Send entry cards and entry fees to the show chairperson **by June 27, 2008.**
- * **Entry Fee is \$15.00 per class** and payment must be sent with entries.
- * **Counties should send one check per county for the total county entries. Do not send individual entry checks.**
- * Checks should be made payable to "4-H Horse Show".

- Please check to see that **all** information is entered correctly on the cards and computer program. Use the error button on the computer program **prior to** sending the show to the show chairperson. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** to prevent errors and misunderstandings.

*Thank you for your cooperation and participation.
We sincerely appreciate your help in making these shows successful.*