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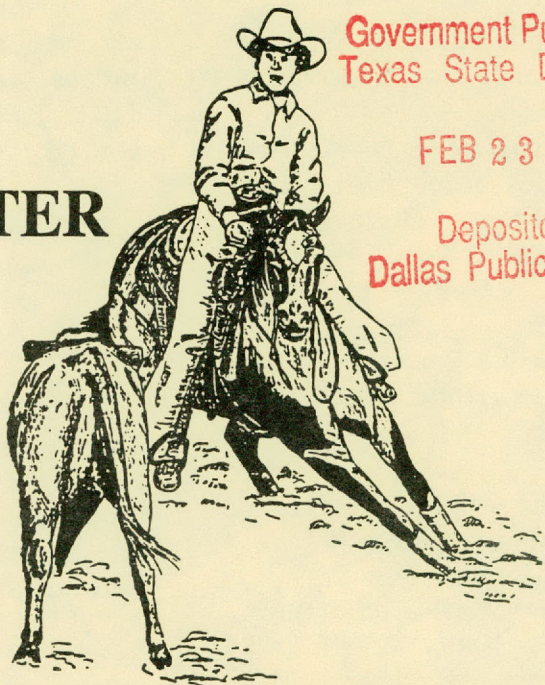
MEMORANDUM

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TAMU Equine Reproductive Management Workshop

January 4-7 will be the next in-depth workshop for horse persons seeking hands-on skills improvement in breeding and management. Workshop coordinator is **Dr. Martha Vogelsang** (409) 845-7731. Call her for preregistration information. The last workshop, held in December had participants from 7 states.

TAMU Advanced Broodmare Management Workshop

Mare owners with a serious interest in furthering their knowledge and skills in routine broodmare management will want to consider this workshop scheduled for January 25-27. Information will include use of management tools such as condition scoring, milk strip test, failure of passive transfer and ultrasound. For complete schedule and pre registration, contact **Dr. Martha Vogelsang** at (409) 845-7731.

3rd Annual Race Horse Conference January 13, 1996

The Texas Equine Research Account Advisory Committee's 3rd Conference will be held in Austin on January 13. The conference will focus on equine research being conducted with race industry funds. Speakers will give talks on musculoskeletal injuries, mineral requirements, colic broodmare selection, mare management and horse farm management. See the calendar of events for contact persons and phone numbers. The conference is free to the public. A proceedings has

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been printed. If you can't attend and want a proceedings, let us know.

This conference is organized by TAEX in cooperation with the Texas Thoroughbred Breeders', Texas Quarter Horse, Texas Paint Horse Breeders', Texas Arabian Breeders' and Texas Appaloosa Horse Associations.

**B.I.G.
Horse Short Course
January 16, 1996**

Noted World champion trainer, Nancy Cahill will present a live demonstration on Training Techniques in Waco, on January 16 at the H.O.T. Fairgrounds. B.I.G.'s Horse Short Course starts out at 1:30 p.m. in the Waco Convention Center with presentations on equine dentistry, feeding and conditioning performance horses and hoof care. Contact McLennan CEA **Rodney Finch (817) 757-5180**. This program has great application for both adult and youth.

**Horse Judging
Seminars at
Texas A&M**

The weekend of January 27-28, the **Texas Reining Horse Association** will conduct a **Seminar**, held in Room 210 of the TAMU Medical sciences Center at the College of Veterinary Medicine and at Freeman Arena. An indepth training will be taught by well known horseman, Joe Hays of Gainesville. For further

information on the TRHA Judges Seminar, contact TRHA President **Mark Miller** at **(817) 596-3260**.

**TAEX Summer
Horsemanship School
Program**

The summer of 1996 will be the 24th consecutive year for this program. School costs will remain the same: \$500 for a 2-day and \$700 for a 3-day school. Based on 30 riders per school each person can attend for \$17 to \$24. Attached are forms to use in requesting either a 2-day or 3-day long horsemanship school for the summer of 1996. **School requests will be accepted through January 31**, for schools which run in late May, all of June and the first part of July. Over 20 schools have already been requested, so be sure to submit requests by January 31. This clinic schedule will be built around the first 40 requests with others scheduled based on location and availability of dates. Last summer's program set another all time record with 65 schools in 63 different counties. Over 1900 4-Hers, parents and volunteer leaders participated in the schools taught by 14 Extension Horse Program Assistants. Average attendance per school was 32 persons, with 22 riders and 10 adults watching. Evaluation forms indicated the schools were considered "good to excellent" in terms of knowledge gained by participants. The instructors

received high scores for their ability to motivate participants and for using creativity in teaching and working with riders.

**Deadlines For
Stock Show
Judging Contests**

Youth horse judging teams have excellent opportunities to compete at contests held during the Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston Stock Shows. But, don't forget the entry deadlines of January 5 for Ft. Worth and January 15 for both San Antonio and Houston. See the calendar for phone numbers.

**Coals Practice Horse
Judging Workshop**

March 9 the annual College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) Practice Horse Judging Workshop will be held at the Freeman Arena in College Station. The workshop will focus on evaluation of halter and performance classes. Presentations on how to give oral reasons will be part of the workshop. **Further information is available from Dr. Joe Townsend at (409) 845-3712.**

**Tarrant County
Horse-O-Rama**

With a great reputation as a worthwhile educational event, the Horse-O-Rama will be held March 30-31 in Ft. Worth at John Justin Arena on the

Stock Show grounds. The program is for horseowners of all types and sizes of operations, with presentations, demonstrations, and other activities. Contact **Tarrant CEA John South** about this good opportunity presented by the Tarrant County Extension Horse Committee.

Cosponsored Countywide Equine Management Meetings

TAEX will be helping Purina Mills, Inc. with numerous equine management meetings in several counties during March and April. These educational programs will address 1) conditioning of performance horses 2) nutrition and feeding, 3) general health care and 4) hoof care among other topics. As a neutral entity, TAEX has the opportunity to help horse owners access useful information on horse health and conditioning. Local veterinarians are also being involved as resource persons in these programs. These meetings are one of many ways TAEX can coordinate and cooperate in a co-sponsored environment to reach more people with a real interest in horses.

Statewide Adult Leader Reining Clinic

Abilene will once again be the location for the adult clinic April 16-17-18. This clinic is "hands-on", designed especially

for volunteer leaders who want to learn more about reining and then use the information to directly enhance learning for their 4-H members back home. The instructors are excellent: **Dick Pieper** and **James Davison** from Marietta, Oklahoma. To preregister, contact **Vickie Hoggett**, Somervell CEA's office, P.O. Box 895, Glen Rose, Texas 76043. (817) 897-2809.

Adult Leader Training

Districts 1 and 2 will cohost an adult leader training for 4-H volunteers. The exact date has not been set but plans are to hold the training in April. The purpose of this day-long event is to give leaders resource materials and ideas for working with county 4-H horse clubs. Focus will be on judging, demonstration and quiz bowl opportunities as well as on maximizing effective use of horses in horsemanship and futurity project areas. More details should be available soon on date and location.

Counties Organize Wide Variety of Horse Activities

With a million horses in Texas, and so much variety in the ways they are used and enjoyed, the opportunities are great for counties to organize and conduct highly visible programs/activities. There are many examples. CEAs Logan Boswell, Scott Anderson and Donnie Montemayor are

planning Ranch Horse Management and Use Schools for 1996. CEA Earnest Kiker and the County Extension Horse Committee will put on an Equine Expo, containing a trade show and numerous demonstrations. Others such as Anderson and Angelina Counties are planning evening programs to help leaders and 4-Hers learn more about evaluating horses and preparing oral reasons. These are just a few examples of programs that can help meet the needs of horse clientele in Texas.

Futurity Project Nominations Due March 15th

Texas 4-H horse project members who intend to nominate **yearling halter, yearling long line, two-year-old pleasure and three-year-old stock horses** for the 4-H futurity program have until mid-March to purchase a horse, fill out the nomination form and retrieve CEA signature on the form. **NOMINATIONS AND NOMINATION FEES ARE DUE IN THE HORSE SPECIALISTS' OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 15.** Attached is the nomination form that 4-Hers should use in nominating futurity projects. **Please xerox and make available to 4-Hers in your county.** A 4-Her can nominate more than one horse, but must fill out a separate form for each horse. A nomination does not constitute an entry,

and 4-Hers will still need to officially enter the respective State Show futurity class later in the year while attending the District Show.

Important 4-H Horse Judging Materials

An 8 page document entitled `Eligibility of 4-Hers and General Guidelines for State, Regional and National Level Judging Contests´ is being sent to all county offices in January for distribution to the county horse judging team coaches/coordinators. **Please take time to make it available to appropriate persons.** Also, county coaches and leaders can benefit a great deal by using the TAEX 4-H Horse Judging Guide, #AS 1-2.120. This leader guide contains valuable lesson plans to supplement efforts to train and teach young judges. There are numerous videos available on judging horses and giving oral reasons. **Contact the Horse Specialist's office for a listing of videos** available for check-out through the Extension Visuals Library.

Texas Horse Industry Quality Audit

TAEX, the Animal Science Department and the College of Veterinary Medicine have begun the process of gathering specific information to assess the status of the horse industry. Phase 1 of the quality audit is focused on management practices and

economic endpoints associated with young race horse prospects. In late 1995, a data form was developed and sent to 110 Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse facilities in Texas. This information, when combined with other research in progress, as well as economic data from previous work by Lonnie Jones in Ag Economics, is expected to contribute a great deal. By identifying industry strengths, needs and opportunities, both Extension programming and future research can be planned to more effectively serve clientele.

Phase 2 will deal with an assessment of practices and trends of general riding horse owners. By obtaining current information on uses, costs, management habits and problems, TAEX will be able to develop and deliver education with emphasis on the most common interests and concerns of the typical horse owner.

Don't Forget To Post Limited Liability Signs

As most of you know, the Texas Equine Limited Liability Law became effective in late 1995. With this new legislation, counties need to post signs at those facilities where TAEX horse programs and activities take place. Large posters are available from Texas Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 2689, Waco 76702 (817)751-2457.) Ask for

Equine Warning Notice Poster #429-800, which is available in a package of 50 posters for \$10. One other source is Signal Signs in Pilot Point (817)458-5646) that offers a 14x24 inch white aluminum sign for \$25. Other commercial sources are likely available in your own county.

Texas Horse Owner's Reference Guide

This handbook can be ordered using the attached form. Response has already been good with lots of handbooks going out. The reference guide contains valuable information for persons who own, ride, buy, sell, feed, breed and manage horses. It contains over 420 pages in 14 sections.

Feeding Management Videos Available

Nutrena Feeds, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the TAEX teamed up to produce a 5 video series on horse nutrition and feeding. "Feeding Broodmares" and "Feeding Growing Horses" "The Horse's Digestive System and Feeding Management" "Feeds For Horses" and "Feeding Performance Horses", are now available. This 5 part video series would be excellent for indepth programming purposes. Each tape has supporting printed material which can be obtained upon request.

Horse Power Newsletter Available

To communicate with 4-H members, leaders and supporters, the Horse Power Newsletter is published by the Texas 4-H horse program. Persons wishing to receive issues in January, May and September may get on the mailing list. Contact the Horse Specialists Office if you have leaders and 4-H families who would like to receive the newsletter.

State 4-H Horse Committee Endpoints and Revised Rule Book

The State 4-H Horse Committee met by mail after the State 4-H Horse Show. The Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations are being revised. Counties will be able to get a new rule book early in 1996. District quotas for the State Qualifying Show will remain at 35 per district. The Western Riding class will become an Invitational class for 1996. In Team Roping, a 4-Her can be a member of only one team and that team will have the opportunity to go two times. The same applies to team penning. All members must be listed on the entry form and each team roper or penner's entry must be consistent in listing team partners. (These roping and penning procedures are identical to 1995). The long line futurity, added for 4-Hers with nominated yearlings, will be held again at the 1996 State Show. Two pilot mule classes, showmanship and pleasure will be held as well as a third class, mulemanship. A Champion

Stock Horseman Award has been created to recognize the high point earner in cutting, working cow horse, team penning and reining. The 1996 State Show's schedule of events will be changed around only a little, but 4-Hers who have been attending in previous years will need to pay close attention to any class schedule changes. District shows will have the option of seeing 4-Hers placed either 10 or 15 deep, to be decided by the District 4-H Horse Committee prior to the start of each show.

County Input Surveys, on State 4-H Horse Program, Due January 31.

In 1995 the State 4-H office and the State 4-H Horse Committee undertook a project to evaluate the Texas 4-H horse program. Information will be used to communicate program benefits to decision makers as well as for program direction. Surveys were sent to 254 counties in late summer. To point, only 51 counties have returned the surveys. If your county hasn't returned their surveys, please do so immediately, so all county's input can be taken into account. Thank you!

Indepth Programming Package Being Developed for CEAs

An indepth programming effort package, "Basic Nutrition and Feeding of the Performance Horse" is being developed for CEAs. The science based yet practical package contains 3 videotapes (Feeding the Performance Horse, Feeding Management

and Feeds For Horses), a self study booklet (instructions, feeding program analysis, selected printed material and skills, confidence and savings evaluation instrument). A Teacher Supplement (teaching strategies, method demonstration guides, result demonstration guides, newsreleases, profile studies 3 video previewing/postviewing evaluation exercise, 1 pre program/postviewing evaluation instrument) accompanies the package. The package is being pilot tested at present. When finalized (mid spring) the package will be sent statewide to CEAs. If interested in using this package in 1996 and for preliminary planning, call the office.

Correction in September Horsepower

In the September Horsepower Newsletter, in the section on State Show Champions, we listed James Payne (Deaf Smith County) as winning the 3-year-old Stock Horse Class. Courtney Crawford won this class. Our apologies to both of these super 4-H horse competitors!

One-Page Subject Matter Articles

Many CEAs have newspaper spots and countywide Newsletters that reach horse owners. The last 3 pages of this newsletter contain timely subject matter articles for use in your county communication with industry persons. Hopefully, this type of information will benefit you in some manner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan. 4-7	TAMU Equine Reproductive Management Workshop	Dr. Martha Vogelsang (409) 845-7731
Jan. 5	Entry deadline for Ft. Worth Livestock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show (817) 877-2400
Jan. 6	TJQHA Convention - Denton	Stacey Detten - TQHA (512) 458-1562
Jan. 13	TTBA Convention - Austin	Jeff Hooper - TTBA (512) 458-6133
Jan. 13	Texas Race Horse Conference - Austin	Doug Householder (409) 845-1562
Jan. 15	Entry deadline for Houston Livestock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show (713) 791-9000
Jan. 15	Entry deadline for San Antonio Livestock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show (210) 225-0575
Jan. 15	Entry deadline for San Antonio Livestock Show Horse Quiz Bowl Contest	Stock Show (210) 225-0575
Jan. 16	B.I.G. Horse Short Course	Rodney Finch, CEA (817) 757-5180
Jan. 25-27	TAMU Advanced Broodmare Management Workshop	Dr. Martha Vogelsang (409) 845-7731
Jan. 31	Deadline for requesting Summer Horsemanship School in your County	Pete G. Gibbs, (409) 845-1562
Feb. 3	Ft. Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show (713) 877-2400
Feb. 9	San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show (210) 225-0575
Feb. 10	San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Horse Bowl Contest	Stock Show (210) 225-0575
March 9	Statewide Practice Horse Judging Workshop - TAMU	Joe Townsend (409) 845-3712
March 15	Deadline for 4-H Futurity Horse Nominations (for 4-Hers nominating yearling halter, yearling longe line, 2-year-old pleasure and 3-year-old stock horse projects)	Horse Specialist (409) 845-1562
March 30-31	Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama - Ft. Worth	John South, CEA (817) 884-1946
March 23	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest - TAMU	Doug Shores (713) 855-5600
April 16-18	State 4-H Adult Leader Reining Horse Clinic - Abilene	Vickie Hoggett (817) 897-2809
May 1	Deadline for owning and certifying 4-H project horses (except Futurity horses, see March 15)	County Offices
June 1-30	County-wide TAEX Summer Horsemanship Schools	See Jan. 31 deadline (409) 845-1562
June 5	Horse Judging Contest/Horse Bowl Contest - State Roundup	State 4-H Office (409) 845-1212
June 6	Horse Method Demonstration Contest - State Roundup	State 4-H Office (409) 845-1212
July 21-27	34th Annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Abilene	Horse Specialist (409) 845-1562
Aug TBA	Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show - Virginia	Horse Specialist (409) 845-1562