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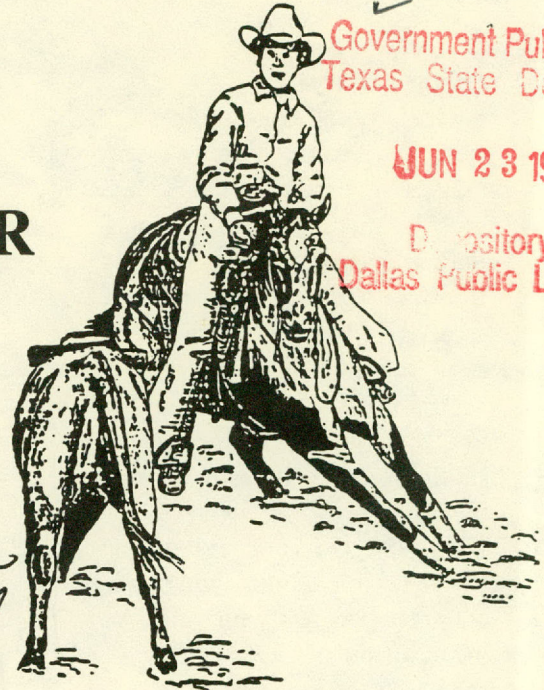
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# CEA HORSE NEWSLETTER



May, 1997

## MEMORANDUM

To: All County Extension Agents

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### 8 County Survey Profiles Horse Ownership and Use

CEA's Wes Allison, Gary Antilley, Robert Devin, Jerry Jackson, Greg Kaase, Earnest Kiker, Robert Roark and Doug Shores distributed a horse industry survey to 20 horse owners per county.

There were 54 complete surveys returned for a 34% response. Owner represented 12 breeds of horses and well over half of all owners gave 4 or more reasons for having horses. For 63% of people, horses were identified as a quality of life

issue.

Average purchase/sale price for horses changing hands in the past 3 years was \$5,268. Owners reportedly spent \$1,848 per horse just to keep them in 1996.

The survey also captured expenditures for trucks, trailers, barns and equipment. It yielded useful numbers on how far competitive horse people travel and how much they spend competing with their horses.

This survey was part of the **Texas Horse Industry Quality Audit**. Contact Pete Gibbs for a copy of the summary paper. This type of information can be helpful in planning county educational meetings and in

visiting with folks about the significance of the Texas horse industry.

### 1997 Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations

Every CEA office should have already received a revised rule book.

There are several revisions and some of the more important ones are listed hereafter. **Equipment** - Curb bits have maximum shank lengths and port heights. - **Leg wraps and protective boots** are optional in many classes, but are **prohibited in halter, showmanship, western pleasure, futurity two-year-old pleasure, as well as in the western**

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riding and trail.

**Attire - Long sleeve shirts are now required.** In western classes & timed events, riders must wear **western boots, defined as a typical cowboy boot or lace-up roper-style boot.** All other footwear is prohibited.

**Other -** No exhibitor may be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means.

If you did not receive a revised rule book in your county, contact your District office or the State 4-H office to see about getting one.

### **25th TAEX Summer Horsemanship School Program**

There are 40 counties holding 40 two-day or three-day long schools. A few dates are still available for counties that would like to host a school for 4-Hers, parents and volunteer leaders. **Check the attachment for open dates and call if interested.**

Ten college students have been selected to teach, covering the state in 5 teams from late May into July.

This year's instructors are quite talented with a lot of experience to draw on. They are Larry Brooks, Teresa de Beche, Jean Defrates, Alicia Howard, Jessica Jordan, April Kelly, Kristen Lagow, Jody LeBlanc, Ally Muntean and Angela Smith.

**Attachment 1 contains the counties and dates for their**

**horsemanship schools. In-kind support is being provided again this year by Purina Mills, Inc.**

### **4-H Futurity Horse Project**

A total of 202 4-Hers from 88 counties have nominated 235 young horses for the futurity project. There are 129 yearling fillies and geldings nominated for halter, for long line or for both. There are 83 two-year-old pleasure projects and 23 three-year-old stock horse nominations. Total numbers are almost identical to last year. There are a few more two-year-olds and a few less three-year-olds compared to last year. All CEAs with participating 4-Hers received a complete listing of the futurity project nominations in April. **Be sure to remind 4-Hers that a nomination does not constitute an entry, and all nominated horses must officially enter the respective State Show class on a State Show entry form while attending the District 4-H Horse Show.**

### **35th State 4-H Horse Show**

Attachment #2 is a revised schedule of classes for the state show, being held July 20-26 in Abilene. **Some changes have been made from previous years and 4-Hers should look closely at days and times for various classes.** No late entries will be accepted and the **deadline is July 1.** Those 4-Hers who don't attend District and make their

state show entries then, will need to be sure and make open show or futurity entries on an official entry form. Those forms must be sent to the **District office first.** They will then be forwarded on to the state office. CEAs, contact your District office now to get copies of the 1997 State 4-H Horse Show entry form, contestant's letter and other information. Each District office received a revised entry form and contestant's letter in late April. The contestant's letter contains valuable information for 4-H families as they prepare for and attend the State 4-H Horse Show. **Unless TAHC regulations change between now and then, all horses entering the State Show grounds at Abilene must be accompanied by proof of negative EIA status.** EIA documentation papers are good for 12 months from date of issue.

### **Specialty Roping Schools for 4-H Horse Members**

The 1997 **State 4-H Calf Roping School** will be June 15-19 in Stephenville. Contact CEA Scott Anderson for pre-registration, lodging and schedule information (915) 729-4746. There is a limit on participants so interested 4-Hers should sign up early.

The **State 4-H Team Roping School** will be June 26-29 out in Lleveland. Organized by CEA Jett Major (806) 894-3159, this is also a great opportunity for 4-Hers. Enrollment is limited.

Both schools have a good reputation for being affordable, well organized and very capably taught.

### **National Level Horse Judging Opportunities Open to All 4-Hers**

The National Appaloosa Youth Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for July 9, 1997, at the State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Entries must be received by June 2, 1997. The cost of entering this contest is \$40.00 per team or \$10.00 per individual. 4-Hers will judge 4 halter classes and 4 or 5 performance classes. Seniors will give reasons on 2 halter classes and 2 performance classes. Juniors will give reasons on 1 halter class and 2 performance classes. If you have further questions, please contact Katie Williams, ApHC Youth Coordinator at (208) 882-5578.

Also, the American Paint Horse Association will hold its youth judging contest in Fort Worth on July 5, 1997. This contest is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m and will be held in the W.R. Watt Arena at the Will Rogers Complex. Entries must be postmarked by May 15, 1997. For further information, please contact APHA Youth Coordinator, Teresa Berends at (817) 439-3400 ext. 248

### **Reproductive Management and Mare/Foal Workshops**

A Breeders School, an Ultrasound Clinic and a Mare/Foal Workshop have all been held at the TAMU Horse Center this year. There were 39 people from 13 states and Canada that attended the Breeders School and the Ultrasound Clinic. The next Breeders School will be at TAMU June 24-27 and interested persons should contact Martha Vogelsang at (409) 845-7731 to preregister.

At the March TAMU Mare/Foal workshop, 40 Texans participated, driving in from as far as 300 miles away. Participants owned from 2 to 80 head of horses and represented 14 different breeds.

There was a lot of interest among mare owners in nutrition and feeding management, dentistry, signs of foaling and neonatal care. An evaluation was completed by 30 of the 40 participants: 89% said the information presented would permit them to save time and 75% said they would save money by making management changes. The information presented gave over 75% of respondents increased confidence in evaluating mares, in making feed purchasing decisions and in handling young horses.

Several counties also held spring mare/foal programs to target the interest and needs of persons raising foals. One example was in **Ft. Bend**

County, where CEA Jeff Stapper organized a management meeting on broodmare/foal nutrition, health care & economic considerations.

### **2nd Annual Stock Horses of Texas Clinic and Assn. Update**

March 25-27 the SHOT Assn. held their second annual 3-day clinic at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Eighty Five (85) persons (with 104 horses) from throughout Texas attended. Training skills were taught by 12 professional horse trainers in 4 specialty clinics (pleasure, trail, horse handling, cattle handling). First rides for 2-year-olds, trailer loading, horse nutrition, conditioning, health and management were discussed as they related to performance and trainability of horses. Committeemen from several county Extension Horse Committees attended the clinic to glean programming ideas to take back to their home counties.

Over the past year the CEA Horse Newsletter, and select news releases have discussed the ongoing formation of this industry partnership being facilitated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The primary mission of the SHOT Assn. is to provide education and services to the Texas stock horse industry. SHOT goals for 1997 are to:(1) conduct a 2-day SHOT clinic in every Extension district in Texas, (2) explore a safety oriented premium saving insurance program that SHOT

member organizations can utilize, and (3) increase communication between stock horse breeders, users, ranchers and livestock industry groups. CEAs, with stock horse clientele, might want to host a 2-day county SHOT clinic, possibly in conjunction with TSCRA and/or TFB or other horse groups. SHOT Assn. awareness presentations can be included in ongoing programs. 4-H horsemanship leaders can gain valuable training at these activities. For further information, contact Doug Householder or Roger Blackmon.

### **EIA Regulations for Texas Horses**

It's been about 7 years since proof of negative EIA status was required on Texas horses attending all Texas activities. **Effective July 1**, the Texas Animal Health Commission will again require negative EIA documentation. Horses must have been tested within 12 months of the event, contest, activity or gathering.

According to the TAHC's spring newsletter, "since September 96, a total of 265 horses, donkeys, mules, or asses have been detected to have EIA. Of those, 44% were in the Southeastern region and 24% were detected in Northeast Texas."

The TAHC appointed an ad hoc committee to address issues that are arising in responses that are both pro and con regarding the new regulations. Doug Householder sets on that ad hoc

committee and should be contacted with any comments, concerns or suggestions. In mid-March the committee met to assure that all options had been fully explored with regard to the EIA regulations enforcement. Concerns exist about regulation effectiveness, the fairness and uniform application across all components of the horse industry and lastly the economic ramifications of a statewide control program relative to the actual cost of the disease to the industry. At present a proposal is being considered by the TAHC. Two suggestions deal with the rule requiring mandatory testing before horses can be sold at any auction or at private treaty and one deals with whose responsibility (activity coordinator or horse owners) it is to assure that all exhibitors at a horse gathering have adequate EIA documentation. As soon as a decision(s) (are) is made, we will notify CEAs so that all activities can be conducted in compliance with TAHC regulations, hopefully with the least interruption of Texas horse industry activities.

### **ENPS Meetings To Be Held in Ft. Worth**

The 15th Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society Meetings ENPS Meetings will be held in Ft. Worth (Ramada Hotel, Downtown) May 28-31, 1997. On May 27, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., a seminar, "What's New in Equine Science For the Practicing Veterinarian", will be held. May 29-31 technical papers will be presented in the

areas of nutrition, exercise physiology, reproduction and management. Contact this office for further information.

### **Proceedings of Race Horse Conference**

Proceedings from the 1997 TERAAC Race Horse Conference are available. Ten (10) excellent papers (genetic markers, musculoskeletal disorders, upper airway dysfunction, management of weanling and yearlings on Texas farms, cooled semen, pastures for horses, etc. are included in the proceedings. Contact this office for copies.

1997 District 4-H Horse Shows			
District	Date	Facility	Location
1	June 23-24	Potter Co. Bill Cody Arena	Amarillo
2	June 13-14	S. Plains Fairgrounds	Lubbock
3	June 19-21	Bradley 4-H Arena	Vernon
4	June 13-14	Henderson Co. Fairgrounds	Athens
5	June 20-21	Angelina Co. Expo Center	Lufkin
6	June 16-18	Pecos Co. Coliseum	Ft. Stockton
7	June 16	Nolan Co. Coliseum	Sweetwater
8	June 22-23	Bell Co. Expo Center	Belton
9	June 10-11	Angelina Co. Expo Center	Lufkin
10	June 19-20	Kerr Co. Livestock Facility	Kerrville
11	June 20-21	Bee Co. Coliseum	Beeville
12	June 21 (tentative)	J.K. Northway Coliseum	Kingsville

\* Double check these dates with your District Extension office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
May 1	Deadline for owning and certifying 4-H project horses (ex. Futurity horses, see Mar. 15)	County Offices
May 8	Multi-County Ranch Horse Seminar - Refugio	Herbert Ball (572) 362-3280
May 27-31	Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society Meetings - Ft. Worth	Horse Specialists (409) 845-1562
May 29- June 30	County-wide TAEX Summer Horsemanship Schools	M. Benefield/P. Gibbs(409) 845-1562
June 4	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest - TAMU	State 4-H Office (409) 845-1212
June 4	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest - State Roundup	State 4-H Office (409) 845-1212
June 5	Horse Method Demonstration Contest - State Roundup	District Office (903) 834-6191
June 15-19	State 4-H Calf Roping School - Stephenville	Scott Anderson (915) 729-4746
June 24-27	TAMU Equine Reproductive Management Workshop	Martha Vogelsang (409) 845-7731
June 26-29	State 4-H Team Roping School - Lleveland	Jett Major (806) 894-3159
July 11	Trans Pecos Ranch Horse Seminar - Alpine	Logan Boswell (915) 837-2265
July 20-26	35th Annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Abilene	Horse Specialists (409) 845-1562
Aug. 4-7	Southern Regional 4-H Championship - Georgia	Horse Specialists (409) 845-1562
Aug. 11	TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course - Ranch Horse Workshop	D. Householder (409) 845-1562

\* Signifies tentative date and location. Double check with District office.

**NOTICE**  
The State 4-H Horse Show dates listed in your TAEX Calendar are incorrect. Please notice correct dates above.

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Attachment # 1

**SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE**

<b>Team A: Larry Brooks and Jody LeBlanc</b>		<b>Team B: Jessica Jordan and April Kelly</b>		<b>Team C: Jean Defrates and Angela Smith</b>	
Taylor	M 29,30,31	McCulloch	M 30,31	Waller	M 30,31
***OPEN***	2,3	Somervell	2,3,4	***OPEN***	2,3
Uvalde	4,5	Ellis	6,7	Zapata	4,5
Wilson	6,7	Denton	9,10,11	Victoria	6,7
Bastrop	9,10	Childress	12,13,14	***OPEN***	9,10,11
Hays	11,12	***OPEN***	16-19	Chambers	12,13,14
Goliad	13,14	Eastland	20,21	Grimes	16,17
Kendall	16,17	***OPEN***	23-29	***OPEN***	18-21
***OPEN***	18-28			Liberty	23,24
Williamson	30, Jy1			San Jacinto	27,28
<b>Team D: Teresa deBeche and Alicia Howard</b>		<b>Team E: Kristen Lagow and Ally Muntean</b>		<p><b>To schedule a school on one of the open dates in your area, please contact Michael Benefield at (409) 845-1562.</b></p>	
Midland	M 30,31	Walker	M 30,31		
Nolan	2,3	Upshur	2,3		
Andrews	4,5	***OPEN***	4,5		
Hale	6,7	Tyler	6,7		
Swisher	9,10	Wood	9,10		
Deaf Smith	11,12	***OPEN***	11,12		
Gray	13,14	San Augustine	13,14		
Randall	16,17	Anderson	16,17,18		
Hockley	19,20	Marion	20,21		
***OPEN***	23-29	***OPEN***	23-29		

# 1997 Texas State Horse Show

## Schedule of Events

Attachment 2a

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

1:00 p.m. 1st STALLING PERIOD BEGINS

#### HORSE BARN

- 10:00 a.m. Management Team Meeting  
(TCEC Main Office)
- 3:00 p.m. Futurity Horse Check in (West end over-hang)  
- Yearlings  
- 2-Year-Olds
- 3:00 p.m. Cutting (1st and 2nd go rounds)

#### COLISEUM

- 1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION - CUTTING, MULES, FUTURITY
- 3:00 p.m. REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ROPING, WORKING COW HORSE, HUNTER
- 2:00 p.m. Mule Showmanship
- 3:00 p.m. Mule Warm-Up
- 3:30 p.m. Mule Western Pleasure
- 4:00 p.m. Mulemanship
- 5:00 p.m. Yearling Futurity Longe Line
- 6:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Riding Leaders Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Hunt Course Set-Up
- 8:00 p.m. REGISTRATION CLOSURES FOR ROPING AND WORKING COW HORSE

### MONDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 a.m. Breakaway Roping Prelims  
Team Roping Prelims (one go round)  
Calf Roping Prelims  
Breakaway Roping Finals (Top 15)  
Team Roping Finals (Top 15)  
Calf Roping Finals (Top 15)
- 7:00 p.m. Filly Futurity (1st, 2nd and 3rd Go)  
Gelding Futurity (1st, 2nd and 3rd Go)

- 8:00 a.m. Warm-Up Jump Class (Mandatory)
- 9:30 a.m. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences  
Working Hunter  
Open Jumping
- 1:30 p.m. Working Cow Horse (Dry Work)  
Working Cow Horse (Cattle Work)
- REGISTRATION OPENS FOR OTHER OPEN AND QUALIFYING CLASSES
- REGISTRATION CLOSURES FOR FUTURITY CLASSES (Except Stock Horse)
- 5:30 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (1st Go)
- 7:00 p.m. Drill Team/Precision Riding (Practice Session I)
- 7:00 p.m. REGISTRATION CLOSURES FOR HUNTER AND REINING CLASSES

8:30 p.m. - PARTY (with Band)

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 a.m. Reining Prelims
- 11:30 a.m. Team Penning Prelims (one go round)  
Team Penning Finals (Top 15)
- 8:00 p.m. Practice Jumps set up

- 8:00 a.m. Hunter Showmanship
- 11:30 a.m. Hunter Under Saddle
- 12:00 p.m. Futurity Horse Check-In (3-Year-Old Stock Horse) Covered area outside Coliseum
- 1:30 p.m. Hunter Horsemanship
- 5:30 p.m. 3-Year-Old Stock Horse (1st Go)
- 8:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (2nd Go)  
Drill Team/Precision Riding (Practice Session II)

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## Schedule of Events

Attachment 2b

### HORSE BARN

### COLISEUM

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

8:00 a.m. Hunter Hack Warm-Up Class (Mandatory)  
 9:00 a.m. Hunter Hack  
 12:00 p.m. Reining Finals  
 3:00 p.m. **1ST STALLING PERIOD ENDS**  
 4:00 p.m. **2ND STALLING PERIOD BEGINS**

9:00 a.m. Precision Riding  
 10:30 a.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (3rd Go)  
 1:00 p.m. 3-Year-Old Stock Horse (2nd Go)  
 3:00 p.m. **1ST STALLING PERIOD ENDS**  
 4:00 p.m. **2ND STALLING PERIOD BEGINS**  
 5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION CLOSES FOR ALL CLASSES**  
 6:00 p.m. Drill Teams  
 7:00 p.m. Special Awards Presentation

**8:30 p.m. PARTY (With Band)**

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

2:00 p.m. Halter Mares  
 - Mares 5 & Over  
 - Mares 4 & Under  
 - Grade Mares  
 - Grand & Reserve

4:00 p.m. Pole Bending Prelims

11:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter Prelims  
 2:00 p.m. Halter Geldings  
 - Geldings 5 & Over  
 - Geldings 4 & Under  
 - Grade Geldings  
 - Grand & Reserve  
 4:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Prelims

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:00 a.m. Barrel Racing Prelims  
 1:00 p.m. Stake Racing Prelims

8:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter (Semi-Finals & Finals)  
 (Minimum 1 hour break)  
 Western Horsemanship Prelims  
 2:30 p.m. Western Riding Prelims\*

**7:00 p.m. PARTY (With Band)**

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

9:00 a.m. Finals Performance  
 - Pole Bending (top 20)  
 - Barrel Racing (top 20)  
 - Stakes Race (top 20)  
 - Champion Timed Horseman  
 Award Presentation

9:00 a.m. Western Pleasure (Semi-Finals)  
 10:00 a.m. Western Horsemanship (Semi-Finals)  
 1:00 p.m. Finals Performance  
 - Western Pleasure  
 - Western Horsemanship  
 - Western Riding\*  
 - High Point Awards  
 - Champion Judged  
 Horseman Award Presentation

\* Open Show Class at State. Does not count toward points from 4 classes used to determine Champion Judged Horseman at State Show.