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News and Notes



ExplorACES

Mark your calendar for March 9-10, 2007 for this college-wide event. [ExplorACES](#) is specifically focused on high school students interested in continuing their education in agriculture.

Current ACES students will offer dozens of fun, hands-on exhibits relating to their classroom work, club activities and honors research. Exhibits will be housed in buildings that relate to each ACES "major."

Visitors will have a chance to tour lab and classroom facilities, talk with current students and faculty, and gain a better feel for what the College of ACES has to offer.

Admissions and career counselors also will be on hand to answer visitor questions about getting into the U of I, financial aid, study-abroad opportunities, and what kinds of career opportunities are available to ACES graduates.

Visitors will also see what organizations are available to students in the College of ACES. *KMc*

FFA Awards Day

Awards Day is Saturday, March 31 at the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check-in and the general meeting will be in Foellinger Auditorium. Watch the listserv for more information about parking and food service. *KMc*

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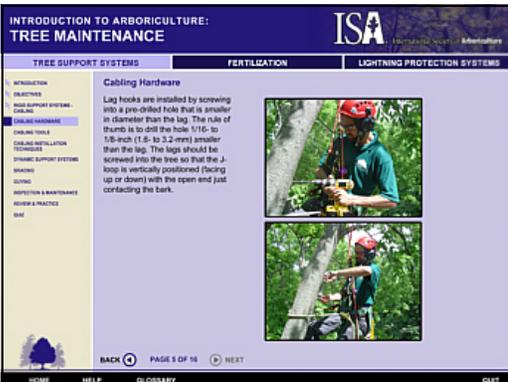


2007 IAVAT Horticulture Career Development Event

The state event will be Tuesday, April 24 on the UIUC campus. All teams MUST preregister by April 3 and include fees of \$7.00 per participant for IAVAT members and \$28.00 per participant for nonmembers. Use the preregistration form in this issue of *News and Notes*. Fees must accompany preregistration, which should be sent to the IAVAT office in Springfield. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

On the day of the event, check in at the Stock Pavilion, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Coaches will need to provide a registration card listing participants' names, either using the onscreen form filled out in advance or standing in line to fill out a traditional registration card. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Landscape Horticulture Research Center on South Lincoln Avenue. Mark Steber, East Richland, is the 2007 IAVAT Horticulture CDE superintendent.

Supplies for local horticulture judging events are listed on the tear sheet. These include registration cards (sold only in bundles of 10), regular placing cards, horticulture identification sheets (8 1/2" by 14"), and manila cards for scoring. *KMc*



Tree Maintenance

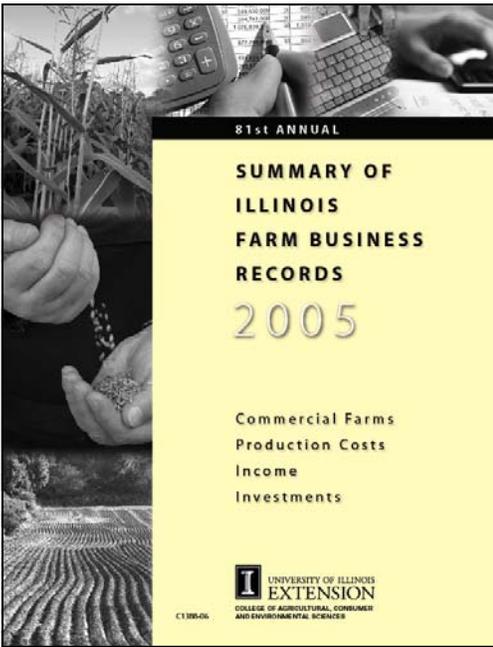
CD1012 *Introduction to Arboriculture: Tree Maintenance* contains three major sections: tree support systems, fertilization, and lightning protection systems. Each lesson is superbly illustrated with color photos and diagrams, and there is onscreen text and narration for each illustration.

This interactive CD-ROM was developed as an educational resource for arborists. In the horticulture or forestry classroom, it will have the same benefits:

- Instructional strategies that simulate job tasks
- A high level of interactivity
- Self-paced instruction (**can accommodate multiple users**)
- Emphasis on visuals, including video and other graphics
- Digital audio that enhances text
- A system of instant feedback that engages the learner
- Quiz questions
- Glossary of key terms with definitions and pronunciations



System requirements: Windows 2000 or XP; Pentium III or better; 24X CD-ROM or better; sound. *KMc*



Summary of Illinois Farm Business Records

As corn prices increase, many producers are looking at raising more corn and less soybeans. With details on the cost of growing both, the *2005 Annual Summary* (C1388-06) can help producers make their decision.

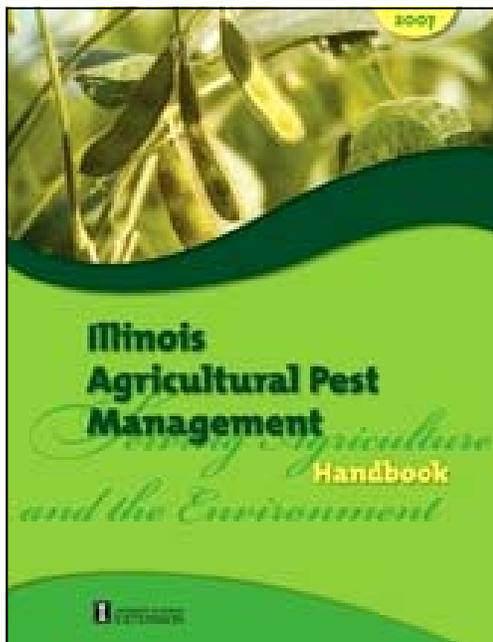
Published each fall, the *Annual Summary* focuses on the previous year's economic farming data and gives you an in-depth look at more than 6,500 Illinois farms. Collected over time, summaries provide a historical perspective and big-picture view of farming across the state. They're full of information you can use to spot market trends, make major financial decisions, and compare your operation to similar ones.

Detailed tables give producers and lenders benchmark production costs for comparing their farm or evaluating loan applications.

Each edition covers:

- Per-acre return and cost figures by farm type, soil type, and location.
- Yearly changes in net farm income for grain and livestock enterprises and average yields for corn, soybeans, and wheat.
- Economic trends and patterns that provide benchmark figures for a wide range of expenses, including seed, pesticides, fertilizers, equipment, land, buildings, and labor.

Don't leave the big decisions to chance. Get the information you need to improve your operation, prepare for changes in market trends, and get the best possible returns on your hard-earned investments. *KMc*



2007 Illinois Agricultural Pest Management Handbook

Get the newest edition of this popular book. The *2007 Illinois Agricultural Pest Management Handbook* (IAPM-07) is the definitive source for annual updates of insecticide and herbicide use in Illinois. This research-based publication provides the best, most reliable reference for professional agricultural input suppliers and their clients. The handbook addresses the laws and regulations that govern chemical recommendations and restrictions, so you can be sure that your advice is accurate, timely, and legal. It provides the latest insect, disease, and weed management strategies for field and forage crops, commercial vegetable crops, and noncrop areas. *MFS*

State Poultry Career Development Event

The 2007 State IAVAT State Poultry CDE will be held at Shelbyville High School on Saturday, March 17th. Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 with the event beginning at 10:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$7.00 per participant for IAVAT members and \$28.00 per participant for nonmembers.

Classes to be evaluated-

- Breaded Chicken Patties

- Place 2 to 3 production rings- placed on past egg production

- Place a carton of eggs, according to the latest USDA standards

- Grade 10 interior quality eggs, according to the latest USDA standards

- Grade 10 exterior quality eggs, according to the latest USDA standards

- Grade 10 broiler carcasses (2 to 6 lbs.), according to the latest USDA standards

- Identify 23 broiler parts

- Take the 2007 written exam consisting of 25 multiple-choice questions

Questions on the exam will be taken from the information in U1052 *Caring for the Small Laying Flock* (out of print); [J120b](#) *Judging and Grading Poultry and Eggs*; and *Poultry Science Manual for National FFA Contest*, No. 0418-4, fourth edition. The manual can be purchased from IMS, Texas A & M University (979) 845-6608. Item [J120b](#) can be found on the tear sheet. For additional information refer to the *General Rules* and the rules for the *Poultry CDE* from IAVAT. A team may consist of five members with the top three scores used to calculate team scores. The low individuals on the team will not be eligible for individual awards. *NRW*

Sheep Shearing School

There is a great need for sheep shearers in Illinois. Here is a chance to learn a skill that can generate money for you in your spare time.

April 6–7, 2007

Western Illinois University Livestock Pavilion - Macomb, Illinois

Entry Deadline, March 31

The 2007 Sheep Shearing School will be held on April 6 and 7, at the Livestock Pavilion on the Western Illinois University Campus. The school begins at 9AM on April 6 and will last until 4:15PM. The school will continue on April 7 from 8AM until 3PM.

Students will learn to properly maintain equipment, as well as to shear. Youth and adults may enroll in shearing school. Students should be over 15 years of age and have enough size and strength to handle mature sheep. They should also have a sincere interest in sheep production and have a chance to shear sheep after the school. This year, individuals who have completed the course before may also enroll again. This will provide an excellent opportunity to improve their skills.

The school will be limited to 24 students. We will accept enrollments in the order in which they are received at this office.

The enrollment fee for the shearing school is \$45.00. No enrollments will be accepted without the enrollment fee. Make checks payable to University of Illinois.

For additional information and application forms, contact Richard Cobb.

A. Richard Cobb, Extension Sheep Specialist
1207 West Gregory
Urbana, Illinois 61801
arcobb@uiuc.edu
217-333-7351

Illinois Sheep Shearing School 2007

Entry Form

To enroll in the Illinois Sheep Shearing School 2007, please fill out the following form and send it along with your \$45.00 check, made payable to University of Illinois in c/o Richard Cobb, Sheep Extension Specialist, 128 Animal Sciences Laboratory, 1207 West Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801. (Ph. 217/333-7351 or e-mail arcobb@uiuc.edu)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact Person: A. Richard Cobb

Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event

The 2007 State IAVAT Meats Evaluation and Technology CDE will be held on Saturday, March 3, at the University of Illinois. Registration will be from 9:00 until 9:45 a.m. in the Stock Pavilion. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Meat Sciences Laboratory. Registration fees are \$7.00 per participant for IAVAT members and \$28.00 per participants for nonmembers. Optional preregistration is due to the State IAVAT office by February 12th with fees included. Scantrons will be used for the event. **Each participant is required to bring a clipboard, a couple of pencils, a frock, and a hair net.** Hard hats are not required, but the frock and hair net must be worn through the entire event. Participants are encouraged to dress properly for judging in the cold storage areas. Please refer to the *Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event Rules* and the *IAVAT General Rules* for more information.

Meat Identification Series

The following items can be used to prepare for the Meats CDE. Ordering information is on the tear sheet.

- **MDS100** – *Meat Cut Identification and Technology* is an onscreen instructional material that follows the same format as **MDS707a- Weed Identification Digital Slide Sets**. This set is composed in Microsoft PowerPoint and should run well on PCs or Macs. Image quality is excellent and includes a wide array of information on beef, pork, and lamb cut identification, location of cut on the carcass, and cooking methods. Also included in the CD is an orientation session that includes primal cut identification and definitions of the different types of cuts. It includes all the meat cuts on the IAVAT meat identification list.

Presentations include a regular set with images and text descriptions of the cuts, a practice set that includes only the identification features without the names of the cuts, a practice contest that includes 30 images, and an interactive quizzing presentation which allows the user to identify the proper cut among three. In all, this CD includes over 700 slides.

- **MDS100-10** – *Meat Cut Identification and Technology Quiz Pack* of 10 CD-ROMs containing **practice set, practice contest, and interactive quizzes only** from MDS100. *NRW*



2007 IAVAT Livestock Career Development Event

The 2007 IAVAT Livestock CDE will be held at the University of Illinois on Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 10 a.m. **Like last year, this event may include several changes, so please watch the listserv for details.** A team may consist of five (5) members with the three (3) highest participant scores constituting the team score. The event will consist of eight rings as described below. There will be no question classes. *NRW*

Judging three (3) rings as follows:

1. One ring of breeding or market hogs.
2. One ring of breeding or market beef.
3. One ring of breeding or market sheep.

Evaluate three (3) rings of keep-cull females (50% production records and 50% conformation):

1. One ring of breeding swine.
2. One ring of breeding beef.
3. One ring of breeding sheep.

Scoring Note: Keep-Cull classes consist of eight (8) animals, from which the participants must identify the four most desirable animals. If a participant fails to select four animals or selects more than four animals they will receive zero (0) points.

Grade one (1) ring of five (5) animals in each of the following:

1. Grade one ring of slaughter cattle on USDA quality grades and cutability.

Suggested references available on the tear sheet

1. Judging Booklets

- J100a Judging Beef Cattle
- J140a Judging Sheep
- J160a Judging Swine

2. Units

- U1061 Using Livestock Production Records

3. Videotapes

- V100 Visual Appraisal of Yearling Beef Heifers
- V101 Selection, Attributes, and Faults
- V102 Placing and Discussion of Commercial Chianina Heifers
- V103 Oral Reasons in Livestock Judging

4. CD-ROMs

- MDS130 EPDs and Performance Data Interpretation
- MDS150 Practice Judging Livestock
- MDS151 Evaluating Beef Cattle
- MDS152 Practice Judging Beef Cattle
- MDS153 Practice Judging Swine
- MDS154 Practice Judging Market Lambs

Mandatory Preregistration for Agricultural Business Management Career Development Event due by April 24, 2007.

Entry for Section _____ from _____ High School

Event scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at five district sites. A maximum of 5 members are allowed for each team with the top 3 individuals' scores comprising the team score.

NONREFUNDABLE entry fee enclosed (circle A or B):

A – Member IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$ 7.00 per participant \$ _____
B – Nonmember IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$28.00 per participant \$ _____

Send preregistration form and entry fees to State IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

Coaches must submit a registration form on the day of the event (completed in advance using the [onscreen form](#) or completed at event check in).

Mandatory Preregistration for Agricultural Sales Career Development Event due by April 13, 2007.

Entry for Section _____ from _____ High School

Event scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2007 at Parkland College. Refer to Agricultural Sales Career Development Event Rules for details of this event. Customer relations participants must identify their scenario from the list below:

- Ag Mechanics
- Ag Sciences
- Animal Sciences
- Crop/Plant Sciences
- Horticulture

NONREFUNDABLE entry fee enclosed (circle A or B):

A – Member IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$ 7.00 per participant \$ _____
B – Nonmember IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$28.00 per participant \$ _____

Send preregistration form and entry fees to State IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

Coaches must submit a registration form on the day of the event (completed in advance using the [onscreen form](#) or completed at event check in).

Optional Preregistration for Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event due by April 3, 2007.

Entry for Section _____ from _____ High School

A maximum of 5 members are allowed for each team with the top 3 individuals' scores comprising the team score. Event scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

NONREFUNDABLE entry fee enclosed (circle A or B):

A – Member IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$ 7.00 per participant \$ _____
B – Nonmember IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$28.00 per participant \$ _____

Send preregistration form and entry fees to State IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

Coaches must submit a registration form on the day of the event (completed in advance using the [onscreen form](#) or completed at event check in).

Optional Preregistration for Livestock Career Development Event due by April 3, 2007.

Entry for Section _____ from _____ High School

A maximum of 5 members are allowed for each team with the top 3 individuals' scores comprising the team score. Event scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

NONREFUNDABLE entry fee enclosed (circle A or B):

A – Member IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$ 7.00 per participant \$ _____
B – Nonmember IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$28.00 per participant \$ _____

Send preregistration form and entry fees to State IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

Coaches must submit a registration form on the day of the event (completed in advance using the [onscreen form](#) or completed at event check in).

Mandatory Preregistration for Horticulture Career Development Event due on or before April 3, 2007.

Entry for Section _____ from _____ High School

A maximum of 5 members are allowed for each team and all 5 scores comprise the team score. Event scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

NONREFUNDABLE entry fee enclosed (circle A or B):

A – Member IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$ 7.00 per participant \$ _____
B – Nonmember IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$28.00 per participant \$ _____

Send preregistration form and entry fees to State IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

Coaches must submit a registration form on the day of the event (completed in advance using the [onscreen form](#) or completed at event check in).

Mandatory Preregistration for IAVAT Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event due on May 1, 2007.

Entry for Section _____ from _____ High School

OR _____ **Individual(s)**: Section _____ from _____ High School
(Individuals winning first in section but not from the school representing the section)

(Circle) Agr. Power Carpentry Electricity Surveying Welding

Event scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007.

NONREFUNDABLE Entry fee enclosed (circle A or B):

A – Member IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$ 7.00 per participant \$ _____
B – Nonmember IAVAT _____ Participants @ \$28.00 per participant \$ _____

Send preregistration form and entry fees to State IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Make checks payable to IAVAT.

Coaches must submit a registration form on the day of the event (completed in advance using the [onscreen form](#) or completed at event check in).

2007 IAVAT Dairy Cattle Career Development Event

The 2007 IAVAT Dairy Cattle CDE will be held at the University of Illinois Dairy Farm on Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A team may consist of five (5) members with the three (3) highest participant scores constituting the team score. The event will involve judging seven (7) rings of cows and/or heifers on type, one ring of cows on combined type and production (50% type and 50% production) and one pedigree ring. Official placings and reasons will be placed on the ITCS Instructional Materials web site a few days after the contest. PLEASE NOTE! Instructors will be assigned to hold dairy cattle during the event. *NRW*

Suggested References Available on the Tear Sheet

1. **Judging Manual**
J200 Judging Dairy Cattle
2. **Filmstrip and Slide Set**
F207a Selecting Dairy Cattle
S207a Selecting Dairy Cattle



Notes for Instructors Attending Dairy and Livestock CDEs

1. For the April 24th Livestock and Dairy Cattle CDEs, all teams should report to the Stock Pavilion on Pennsylvania Avenue in time to complete registration. Teams may begin registering at 8:00 a.m. Fees are \$7.00 per participant for IAVAT members and \$28.00 per participant for nonmembers. Make checks payable to IAVAT. Preregistration is optional, but strongly recommended due to the large number of participants. Preregistration is due to the IAVAT State Office by April 3rd.
2. Participants will need to bring a clipboard and a couple of sharpened pencils for filling the Scantron sheet.
3. University of Illinois biosecurity measures will be enforced for the Livestock and Dairy Cattle CDEs. **Watch the listserv for more details.**
4. Remind all participants that there will be no talking during or between rings, or participants' cards will be taken and the participants will be disqualified. The talking policy will be strictly enforced because the participants will be using the same card for the entire event.
5. **All electronic communication devices are not permitted at either CDE. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, walkie talkies, radio transmitters, and personal data assistants.**
6. Parking for buses and vans has yet to be determined for the event. **Watch the listserv for more details.**
7. Please review the *General Rules for IAVAT Career Development Events* before attending the events. *NRW*

Recordkeeping Notes

Renewing *EZ Records* subscriptions. To renew a subscription to *EZ Records* the user will require a new access code. Access codes may be ordered from ITCS. **DO NOT TRY TO RENEW *EZ RECORDS* UNTIL NOTIFIED THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION IS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EXPIRING.** Thirty days prior to the end of an *EZ Records* subscription, a message will appear on the login window notifying the user 30 days remain before the subscription expires. This message will count down the days prior to *EZ Records* subscription expiration. When the expiration notice appears the renew link also becomes active. Users may click on the Create New or Renew account link. The window asking the user to enter the new access code will appear. Enter the new access code and click the Validate code button. Follow on-line directions to complete the renewal procedure. When complete, the user is navigated to the Record Book Main Page and is able to continue working on their SAE records. Access to all record books is available with the newest record book being the default record book that opens. Users may select any record book they choose as the default record book. The subscription provides the user access to the *EZ Records* server. *EZ Records* subscriptions are 14 months in length.

A second method of renewing an *EZ Records* account occurs when a subscription is permitted to expire. After a subscription has expired, as the user attempts to login the software will open the renewal window, requesting a new access code. Enter a new access code and click the Validate Code button to renew the account. Follow on-screen directions to complete the process.

Starting a new record book. Users have started or are about to start a new 2007 record book. To start a new record book the user must login to the Record Book Main Page and click the Create New Record Book link. A window opens that permits the user to name the Record Book, Dave Wilson 2007. Click the Save Information button and the software will navigate the user to the Record Book Main Page ready to enter enterprise names. When the subscription expiration message appears the user follows the direction describing the renewal procedure.

Printing *EZ Records*. To print *EZ Records* pages the user may use the same procedure they use to print a Windows application. With the page to be printed open, select the pull down menu from File on the tool bar. Select Print and the page will print to the default or designated printer. The Ctrl + P also works print a page. A fourth method is to use the Print icon from the tool bar. *EZ Records* must be printed one page at a time. Each page is printed individually since some pages will only be printed once and following the signatures placed into the record book binder. The business agreement and budget pages are examples of pages that are only printed once.

Restoring a deleted enterprise. We have had several requests to restore deleted enterprises and due to the large time requirement to restore an enterprise, we will no longer support this service. Teachers are advised to inform their students when an enterprise (or record book) is deleted it is gone. DW

FCAE *EZ Records* price subsidy. ITCS has been informed that the budget for the *EZ Records* subsidy has been consumed and the continued practice of subsidizing *EZ Records* has ended. Any *EZ Records* access code purchases starting February 12, 2007 will again be charged full price, \$6.00 per subscription. *EZ Records* may be purchased by contacting ITCS toll free at (800) 345-6087 or submitting an order form, purchase order, to ITCS Instructional Materials, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1917 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL 61820. The catalog number is R2006 *EZ Records*. DW

Lincoln Land Livestock Judging Contest

Lincoln Land Community College will be hosting their Annual Livestock Judging Contest on Friday, March 23rd, 2007 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Registration is \$3.00 per contestant, with a maximum of 10 contestants per school. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in Barn 13 and ends at 12:15 p.m. Instructions will be from 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the contest will start at 12:30 p.m. Classes will be the same format as used for the State FFA Livestock Contest. For more information, or to register, contact Craig Beckmier at (217) 786-2401 or e-mail craig.beckmier@llcc.edu. *NRW*

59th Illinois PDCA Calf Sale

University of Illinois Extension and the Illinois PDCA will sponsor their annual calf sale on April 7th, 2007. The event will be held at the university dairy farm and cattle will be available for viewing prior to the sale. Catalogs will be available after March 15th and can be obtained by contacting Evonne Hausman at 217-333-2624 or ehausman@uiuc.edu. *NRW*

2007 Hoof and Horn Showdown

The University of Illinois Hoof and Horn Club will host their 2007 Spring Showdown on March 31st and April 1st, 2007 at the Champaign County Fair Grounds. The judging contest will be held on Saturday, March 31st beginning with registration at 8:00 am and the contest beginning at 9:00 am. Steers and heifers can be checked in from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm on March 31st. The show will be held on April 1st. For more information call 217-333-8394. *NRW*

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Dates to Remember 2007 Calendar of Events

March

- 3 State Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event, UIUC, Urbana
- 9-10 [ExplorACES](#), UIUC, Urbana
- 17 State Poultry Career Development Event, Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville
- 30 State Star Selection, Parkland Community College, Champaign
- 31 State FFA Awards Day, Foellinger Auditorium, UIUC, Champaign-Urbana

April

- 24 State Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Livestock, and Horticulture Career Development Events, UIUC, Urbana
- 28 State Agricultural Sales Career Development Event, Parkland College, Champaign

May

- 8 State Agricultural Business Management Career Development Event, to be held at 5 district sites
- 15 State Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event, UIUC, Urbana
- 28 Memorial Day, UIUC holiday

June

- 12-14 Illinois FFA Convention, Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield
- 19-21 IAVAT Conference, Northfield Inn, Springfield
- 25-27 NAAE Region IV Conference, Detroit, MI

**March 2007
TEAR SHEET**

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(credit cards and school purchase orders accepted;
prices subject to change)*

| Qty. | Price | Amt. | Cat. No. | Description |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | |
| _____ | 8.00 | _____ | C1388-06 | 81st Annual Summary of Illinois Farm Business Records for 2005 |
| _____ | 27.00 | _____ | IAPM-07 | 2007 Illinois Agricultural Pest Management Handbook |
| _____ | 16.50 | _____ | ICLT-07 | Commercial Landscape and Turfgrass Pest Management Handbook |
| _____ | 6.00 | _____ | R2006 | EZ Records subscription |
| FILMSTRIPS/SLIDE SETS | | | | |
| _____ | 25.40 | _____ | F207a | Selecting Dairy Cattle filmstrip |
| _____ | 37.60 | _____ | S207a | Selecting Dairy Cattle slide set |
| JUDGING MATERIALS | | | | |
| _____ | 4.00 | _____ | J100a | Judging Beef Cattle judging manual |
| _____ | 4.00 | _____ | J120b | Judging and Grading Poultry and Eggs judging manual |
| _____ | 4.00 | _____ | J140a | Judging Sheep judging manual |
| _____ | 4.00 | _____ | J160a | Judging Swine judging manual |
| _____ | 1.25 | _____ | J200 | Judging Dairy Cattle judging manual |
| _____ | 11.00 | _____ | J690 | Horticulture Identification sheet (8 1/2 x 14", one color only, revised 7/97, sold only in bundles of 50) |
| _____ | 5.00 | _____ | J999.100 | Regular Placing Cards, card colors may vary, sold only in bundles of 50 |
| _____ | 1.25 | _____ | J999.27R | Horticulture Registration Cards, red, sold only in bundles of 10 |
| _____ | 1.25 | _____ | J999.27W | Horticulture Registration Cards, white, sold only in bundles of 10 |
| _____ | 1.25 | _____ | J999.4 | Manila cards for scoring, sold only in bundles of 10 |
| _____ | 1.20 | _____ | U1061 | Using Livestock Performance Records unit |
| _____ | 40.00 | _____ | V100 | Visual Appraisal of Yearling Beef Heifers videotape |
| _____ | 40.00 | _____ | V101 | Selection, Attributes, and Faults videotape |
| _____ | 40.00 | _____ | V102 | Placing and Discussion of Commercial Chianina Heifers videotape |
| _____ | 40.00 | _____ | V103 | Oral Reasons in Livestock Judging videotape |
| CD-ROMs | | | | |
| _____ | 69.95 | _____ | CD1012 | Introduction to Arboriculture: Tree Maintenance |
| _____ | 75.00 | _____ | MDS100 | Retail Meat Cut Identification and Technology CD-ROM |
| _____ | 200.00 | _____ | MDS100-10 | Retail Meat Cut Identification and Technology Quiz Pack CD-ROM (10 CD-ROMs) |
| _____ | 45.00 | _____ | MDS130 | EPDs and Performance Data Evaluation |
| _____ | 49.95 | _____ | MDS150 | Practice Judging Livestock |
| _____ | 34.95 | _____ | MDS151 | Evaluating Beef Cattle |
| _____ | 29.95 | _____ | MDS152 | Practice Judging Beef Cattle |
| _____ | 24.95 | _____ | MDS153 | Practice Judging Swine |
| _____ | 24.95 | _____ | MDS154 | Practice Judging Market Lambs |

Name _____ Date _____ P.O. _____
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Monthly Feed Prices

| Kinds of Feed | December 21 | February 28 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Corn, No. 2, shelled, bu. ¹ | 3.49 | 3.92 |
| Corn, ground, shelled, bu. | 3.63 | 4.06 |
| Grain sorghum, bu. ² | 3.49 | 3.63 |
| Grain sorghum, ground, bu. | 3.63 | 3.77 |
| Oats, bu. ³ | 2.72 | 2.51 |
| Oats, ground, bu. | 2.82 | 2.61 |
| Wheat, bu. | 4.43 | 4.18 |
| Soybean Meal, 48%, ton | 178.95 | 219.20 |
| Corn silage, ton ⁴ | 22.02 | 24.74 |
| Hay, alfalfa, baled, ton ⁵ | 127.50 | 135.00 |
| Hay, other, baled, ton ⁵ | 130.00 | 135.00 |
| Straw, oat or wheat, ton ⁵ | 75.00 | 75.00 |

¹ Based on prices at country elevators in central Illinois.

² Based on prices at country elevators in southern Illinois.

³ Based on prices at CBOT.

⁴ Estimated silage value as opportunity cost of harvesting crop as grain.

⁵ Based on prices direct off the farm in central Illinois.