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As the holiday season approaches, most of us are thinking about the white fluffy stuff. As a swine manager in production agriculture, you might be thinking more about the red or black ink. In today's competitive swine industry, the top producers are following the jolly man's lead by tightening the black belt and hopefully showing less red.

Did your swine operation realize profits in 1992, 1991, 1990, 1989, etc.? How about your neighbors, did they also realize profits? Where do you stand? Is your operation just average? Are you a profit maker or a loss taker? Over 200 swine operations across Nebraska know exactly where their operation stands in Figure 1. Some of them know they are doing things right, others have identified problems that must be solved for them to remain in the swine producing business.

Do you have an average, high or low profit swine operation? Lancaster County area swine producers have the opportunity to answer this question every six months. They also have the chance to compare notes with similar operations in Nebraska and beginning in 1993 with other midwestern states. As we have entered the decade of the 90's, it is becoming more important than ever for swine producers to keep good financial records. These records will help producers identify their strengths and weaknesses in their operations. As a result of these records, producers will be better able to make management decisions to help them remain competitive in the 90's.

More and more swine managers are enrolling in the Nebraska's Swine Enterprise Records and Analysis Program. The program features a six month and year-end computerized analyses of the swine enterprise, a specially designed record book and group meetings with area producers every six months to discuss analyses results on a local level. Participants receive information allowing them to evaluate, income and profit, production, death loss, labor use, marketing and feed costs and consumption. The program is a bargain for a $90 annual fee. All individual producer data is kept confidential.

Data from the Nebraska Swine Enterprise Records Program continues to reveal a wide range of production costs between the high and low profit producers. Low profit producers need to look seriously at their cost of production and determine what management changes are needed to make their enterprise competitive. This will be of the utmost importance as the pork industry continues to undergo structural changes. With swine enterprises increasing in size and achieving high levels of efficiency.

Producers have found the program very useful to evaluate investments in facilities or expansion. More than one producer has made the decision to delay expansion or to proceed with new facilities based on the information provided by this program. Participants receive useful information allowing them to evaluate, income and profit, production, death loss, labor use, marketing and feed costs and consumption. The program is a bargain for a $90 annual fee. All individual producer data is kept confidential.
Master gardener training begins

If you like to grow plants and would like to share your knowledge and skills in exchange for a chance to increase them, you will want to consider becoming a Lancaster County Master Gardener. The aim of the Master Gardener program is to provide gardeners with up-to-date horticulture information that they can pass on to others in the community. Master Gardeners receive approximately 45 hours of instruction and printed material. In return, they volunteer their time helping others with gardening projects and problems.

Activities that Master Gardeners participate in range from answering gardening questions over the phone at the extension office, to coaching 4-H and master Gardener teams. They may help test and evaluate new plant varieties or present programs on gardening or compost production.

Essentially, Master Gardeners are out there to enhance the community by passing along the latest information on lawn care, landscape plants, vegetable gardening, flowers, houseplants, plant problems, pesticide use — you name it.

The training is provided by cooperative extension specialists and local gardening experts. Participants receive unbiased, up-to-date information on the whole spectrum of gardening topics.

For more information on the Master Gardener program, call the extension office at 441-7180. Training will begin January 11, 1993. (DJ)

Garden Gossip Hotline

Chestnuts for the holidays

Roasting chestnuts is often a traditional holiday treat. Cold-weather conditions have to be just right, not too dry and not too damp. In dry air, they dry out and lose quality; in warm, damp air, they mold.

Plant fresh chestnuts in the refrigerator in a plastic bag with a ventilation hole punched in it. Roast over an open fire, use a long handled popper or chestnut roaster. To roast in an oven, try a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Chestnuts should be done to the touch.

Before roasting, puncture each of the shells during cooking. To roast over an open fire, use a long handled popper or chestnut roaster. To roast in an oven, try a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit.

After roasting, punch each once or twice with an icepick or a knife. If you fail to do this, pressure from steam building up inside the shells will cause the nuts to explode, either before or after they come out of the oven.

To boil chestnuts, place them in a shallow pan with water that just covers them. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and boil gently for 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and partially cool, then remove the kernels using a sharp knife or fork. If desired, use in other recipes. Store cooked chestnuts in tightly sealed jars in the refrigerator for a month or two, or in the freezer for up to a year. (MM)

Care needed for Cyclamen

Cool temperatures and bright light are necessary for winter success with cyclamen. Place this flowering plant in a east window, near but not touching the sun. A daytime temperature of 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit and a minimum nighttime temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit should keep it blooming well into next year.

The white, red or pink flowers grow tall with nodding stems above the rosette of heart-shaped, blue to dark green leaves. The foliage is marked with white veins and light green spots. This decorative houseplant is native to Europe and northern Africa.

Indestructible bromeliads make good gifts

Plants make great winter gifts, but some are better than others for the holidays. If you don’t have a favorite plant, here’s an idea; choose a Bromeliad. One of the most hardy indoor plants is the pineapple. But this is only one of the many Bromeliads to choose from in your local florist shop or greenhouse.

Brighten home with poinsettias

Select a healthy poinsettia, put it in a spot that gets plenty of cool temperatures, protect it from drafts and it will brighten your home for months.

To choose a healthy plant, look for one with dark green foliage. Failure to grow is often a sign of poor fertilization or a root system with low vitality.

For more information on gardening, call the extension office at 441-7180. Training will begin January 11, 1993. (DJ)
Buying a computer for the farm?

Are you contemplating the purchase of a computer? Do you wonder what the capabilities of a computer are? An evening seminar will be offered in December to inform participants about how to look for and purchase a computer. The seminar will target individuals purchasing computers for their farming operation and the family, but anyone is welcome to attend. The program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Lancaster Extension Conference Center.

The seminar will focus on discussion and demonstration of different types and calibers of computers, monitors and printers. The program will also include discussion concerning the selection of computer operating systems and agricultural software.

This program is sponsored by the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County. Please call 441-7180 to preregister. The program is free of charge. (DV)

CROP PROTECTION CLINIC

The 1993 Crop Protection Clinic will be held in Lancaster County on Tuesday, January 5, 1993. The clinic will be held on the second floor of the Extension Office, 440 West 44th Street, at 9 a.m. The clinic will feature discussions of atrazine, herbicide resistance, weeds, insects and plant diseases. The clinic will also include recommendations for the control of economic pests. A small area which starts with a discussion concerning the selection of herbicide-resistant crops will be used as a demonstration site. Please contact Dave Varner at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County for further details. (DV)

AGSATE - UNIVERSITY OF IOWA - INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MEDICINE

Individuals interested in registering for the workshop should contact Dave Varner at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County at 441-7180. (DV)

The ‘Quicken’ way to farm management

Area producers anxious to begin using their home computer for farm management purposes won’t want to miss this opportunity. Up to twelve family operations will have the opportunity to learn how to use an economical accounting software package to keep track of their farm records.

A workshop is planned for January 6, 13 and 20, 1993, 7 to 10 p.m. at Raymond Central School. Workshop participants will have hands-on training opportunities to use their own records to learn the software. Participants will be required to purchase the software to enroll in the workshop. Individuals interested in registering for the workshop should contact Dave Varner at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County at 441-7180. (DV)

Researching your own farm through the NSFP

Farmers looking to maximize profits by fine tuning production, management and marketing strategies designed this program. It’s called the Nebraska Soybean and Feed Grain Research Program Project (NSFP). Producers choose an aspect of their farming operation that they have questions about and desire to scientifically evaluate. They make a commitment to evaluate their own farm operation over a three year period to assure reliable results. Through farm record analysis, in-depth educational programs and on-farm research they evaluate the situation. Farmers in this program combine efforts with the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, private industry cooperators and fellow farmers to expedite the transfer of research findings to field application. Contact Dave Varner at 441-7180 to sign up for the 1993 growing season. Program activities start in December. (DV)

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Cass, Lancaster and Saunders County Soybean Growers Association

Assure yourself a seat by pre-registering... call 1-800-779-500 ext. 310

Ag Update

Agricultural News & Events

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ANNOUNCING

1993 MIDWEST MARKETING CONFERENCE

This is the one you don’t want to miss!

Come and hear the TOP Ag marketers in the country...

Scott Stewart
Stewart-Peterson
Pro-Farmer

Dan Manternach,

Dr. James Kendrick, UNL

Keynote Speaker: Gene Francis, “Living in Russia”

Plus, featuring the following educational workshops:

- Producing a Realistic Marketing Plan/Selecting a Broker - Dr. James Kendrick/Scott Stewart

- Global/Local Weather Forecasting - Bryce Anderson
- Options Trading - Sid Woolfolk

WHEN: December 17, 1992 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Registration 8 to 9 a.m.)
WHERE: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, NE
COST: $15 - Lunch included

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension
(Metro and SE Six Extension Program Units)
Southeast Community College

Researching and marketing, select the best due to the different options available. Some areas and conditions to check when monitoring grain quality include: 1) Grain surface for condensation, crusting, wet areas, mold, and insects. 2) Bin roof for condensation and leaks. 3) Grain mass for non-uniform temperatures, high moisture pockets or layers, molds, and insects. 4) Fan exhaust air for any off-odors. If problems are detected, they need to be evaluated and corrected as soon as possible. This may include cooling with ventilation, further drying, or fumigation for insect control. (DV)

WANTED: Nitrogen management

In a continuing effort to demonstrate the best management practices associated with the use of nitrogen fertilizer, the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County is seeking individuals interested in having a field deep soil sampled to determine nitrogen content. Priority for sampling will be based on cropping history, past quantities of nitrogen applied, current year crop plans and potential for use as a demonstration site. Please contact Dave Varner at 441-7180 if you are interested in sampling a field. (DV)

Microcomputers in Agriculture: A Users Conference

Agriculturalists and small business owners from across the state will meet on February 23 and 24, 1993 at the Kearney Ramada Inn to learn more about computers. The first day of the conference will include an afternoon of workshops for the computer novice. The entire second day will demonstrate cutting edge computer applications for today’s farmer. Watch The NEBLINE for further details. (DV)
Community service opportunity

People's City Mission is in need of items for their annual holiday gift distributions. New items for Christmas can be taken to the Resource Distribution Center, 1537 South 17th Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or Saturday mornings. Deliveries can be made to the People's City Mission, 111 "Q" Street, and mark "Gifts-Away". Items needed include:

For infants: sleepers, baby blankets, baby care items, cloth diapers, pins.

For children: socks, slippers, mittens, hats, underwear, pajamas, backpacks, watches, dolls, legging suits, micro machines.

For teens: jewelry, "see for women", "see for men", backwards, note books, hair care products, sports posters, portable sports equipment, socks, underwear, shirts, gym bags, flannel shirts.

For women: gloves, socks, slippers, nightwear, undergarments, watches, jewelry, perfumes, sweat pants and shirts (L/XL), home decor items, overgarments, T-shirts.

For men: oversize T-shirts, socks, slippers, undergarments, big- folds, aftershave, sweat pants and shirts (L/XL/XL).

Stock stuffers: brushes, combs, cosmetics, clothing items, personal care items, tight for girls, shaving cream, small cars, razors, pacifiers, barrettes.

Items most needed include:

- Sandwiches
- Hair spray
- Diapers
- Medium/large
- Children's liquid non-aspirin
- Cracker medicine - All ages
- Children's socks/undersocks
- Women's socks
- Floor buffer with magnetic tilt
- Grooming supplies
- Towels (bath)
- Sheets (linen)
- Scarfs
- Underwear
- Hats/mittens/gloves
- Coats/boots

Resource Distribution Center:

- Meat products
- Canned fruit
- Soup/crackers
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Diapers; medium/large
- Women's jeans
- Sweatshirts; all sizes
- Underwear
- Hats/mittens/gloves
- Coats/boots

Your attitude about money may affect your kids

As a parent, how do you handle your money? Your values and feelings about money and the example you set, have as much influence on your children as any traditional guidance you might give them. Do you strive to meet your obligations—financial and otherwise. Are you rational and calm about economic matters? Do you believe in sharing with those less fortunate?

If you haven't answered yes to these questions, your children are going to have healthier attitudes toward money-spending. So, overspend, spend impulsively, or even save impulsively.

Here are some "must-factors" for teaching your kids the basics of money management. Each child and family are different. However, the guidelines below can help parents create a healthy psychological climate, a boon to all kinds of learning.

- Help your children feel good about themselves. Help them feel their dignity and worth as human beings.
- Establish limits and make rules. Young people find comfort in limits and rules that are set and are explained both objectively and consistently. They appreciate authority when it's fair and firm.
- Keep the lines of communication open. Listen to what your children say as well as what they say. There is no such thing as verbal communication. If you're unsure, ask, "Is this what you understand me to mean?" Guidance and tact are a necessary part of communication.
- When talking to your children, as well as what they say. Keep your words simple and to the point. Help them understand the lines of communication.
- Make sure that your children answer your questions, your children are going to have healthier attitudes toward money-spending. So, overspend, spend impulsively, or even save impulsively.
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Infants and young children: a priority in EFNEP

Working with families with infants or young children is a priority in the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) because of the potential benefits from improving the nutrition of this population. Working with pregnant homemakers also fits into this thrust because of the importance of prenatal nutrition in a healthy outcome of pregnancy.

There is some evidence that the effects of early malnutrition are irreversible, and a child who is malnourished prenatally or during the first three or four years of life will not reach his or her full potential. Improved diet can also help prevent chronic diseases such as adult-onset diabetes and obesity.

During the month of December, EFNEP will be meeting to plan the council meetings for 1993 and to set up committees. If you were elected as your club president for next year, you may get a call from one of us to ask you to help by serving on a committee. We will need more willing workers so we can help Seward昆仑 through the convention next June. We have been asked to help with some table favors and the registration. I hope you will say yes when you are called. This is a good way to learn more about how our organization works and to get to know some really nice homemakers.

I want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas.

—Carole Doescher, Home Extension Council Chair

Carole’s comments

I have been compiling the information from the Club Report Forms. I am very impressed at all you have done this year. You have touched many lives in the name of home extension clubs. I will share some of the report with you. Under “Family” - First Aid, Drugs & Alcohol, AIDS, and Women’s Health Link were mentioned. On activities on the Home Environment”, Recycling and Garbage were the top priorities. Under “Global Programs” - the melting pot was mentioned most often. Under the “All Other” category you listed many organizations that you helped with time, food, and money. Some of these were: Peoples City Mission, Headstart, Food Bank, Shepherd of the Hill Christmas Store, Senior Center, March of Dimes, Camp Floyd Rogers, Regional Center, Gathering Place, Day Watch, Light House, nursing homes, and Lancaster County chorus. We gave over $2000.00 to these organizations and many, many hours.

Home extension club leader training lesson

Thursday, January 7 — The Real Facts: Organ Donations Tuesday, January 26 — Using Positive Discipline to Build Self-Esteem

Sessions will be held at 1 or 7 p.m. If you are not a lesson leader and would like to attend call the extension office to pre-register. More details in the January NEBLINE. (LB)

Eggnog safety

Raw eggs contaminated with Salmonella enteritidis have been implicated in foodborne illness outbreaks recently. Eggnog can be safely made for the holidays, if you follow certain egg handling practices. Eggs should be stored in their carton at 46 degrees F until ready to use. When preparing eggnog, the mixture should be heated to 160 degrees F. A microwave may also be used successfully to heat the mixture. Use a thermometer to monitor the temperature of the mixture. Stir often during heating of the mixture. Cool the eggnog mixture immediately. If the mixture is large, divide into smaller containers to cool quickly.

Alcohol may inhibit microbial growth at certain concentrations, but adding alcohol to eggnog cannot be relied upon to control microbial growth. Pasteurized egg substitutes (such as FLEISCHMANN’S Egg Beaters) may be used in place of raw eggs in an eggnog recipe. (Check with the company if you’re in doubt about whether their egg substitute is pasteurized.)

Here are two recipes USDA recommends for eggnog:

**Holiday Eggnog**

- 1 quart 2% milk
- 6 fresh eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar

Heat the milk in a large saucepan, but do not boil or scald. While milk is heating, beat the eggs and salt together in a large bowl, gradually adding sugar. Gradually add the hot milk to the egg mixture. Transfer the mixture to the saucepan and continue to heat over medium heat until thick enough to coat a spoon. Use a thermometer to check the temperature. Cook until the temperature reaches 160 degrees F. Stir in vanilla. Cool quickly by setting the pan in a bowl of ice or cold water and stirring for 10 minutes. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Prior to serving, put into a bowl, fold in whipped cream and dust with ground nutmeg.

This recipe yields 2 quarts of eggnog and contains 135 calories and 120 milligrams of cholesterol per 1/2 cup serving.

**Low Cholesterol Eggnog**

- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 3/4 cup skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix well. Whip egg substitute and sugar together and combine with the two types of milk and flavoring. Mix well. Chill overnight. Dust with nutmeg before serving.

This recipe yields three quarts of eggnog with 96 calories and 4 milligrams of cholesterol per 1/2 cup serving.

*Source: Julie A. Albrecht, Ph.D., Extension Food Specialist (AH)*

Crowd-Pleasing Pumpkin Pie

- Here’s a savings of 80 calories, 9 grams of fat, 4 grams saturated fat and 50 milligrams of cholesterol per slice. There’s less fat in the crustless version of the filling. Evaporated skim milk and 2 egg whites substitute for whole milk and one egg.

- 9-inch pie, 8 servings
- Pastry:
  - Flour .................. 1 cup
  - Water .................. 2 tablespoons
- Filling:
  - Brown sugar ............ 1/4 cup
  - Sugar ................... 1/4 teaspoon
  - Water .................. 2 tablespoons
  - Evaporated skim milk .. 12 fluid oz.
  - Egg, beaten ............ 1 large
  - Pumpkin puree ........ 1 can (13 ounces)
- Garnish:
  - Ground nutmeg

**Per serving:**

- Calories ......... 160
- Saturated fatty acids ... l gm.
- Sodium ........ 270 mg.
- Sugar .............. 29 mg.
- Fat ................. 10 mg.

**Ground nutmeg**

Whipped cream, or additional flavored whipped cream may be used to garnish the pie.

*Source: Adapted from USDA Food News for Consumers, Holidays 1992. (AH)*
Building success with 4-H clubs

New and not-so-new leaders are invited to the first 4-H leaders’ orientation on December 1, 1992. You may choose 9:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. to gather at the Lancaster County Extension Center for information on building success stories with your 4-H club.

A sure step forward makes following the path of meetings, activities and events more exciting for everyone. Your orientation will begin with general updates about the 4-H program. From this current level of knowledge, leaders will look at how to best work with the information from the extension office, the NEBLINE and leader handbooks.

If club meetings are one of your greatest successes, come share those experiences with others! If the meetings are a source of worry and anxiety, the orientation may give you some tools to create a better experience.

Making the most of 4-H projects is a shared responsibility of leaders, parents and members. At the orientation, leaders will receive ideas on this issue. If you have felt the choice and involvement of projects is overwhelming, take this opportunity to see and hear how others have worked with 4-H projects in their clubs.

County 4-H activities are a window of expansion on skills and knowledge gained through 4-H projects. Use the leader orientation to learn how the success of a 4-H project can be enhanced with participation in the workshops, county council meetings.

The December 1 leaders’ orientation is the first of three workshops. Watch for other orientation dates in future NEBLINE issues. (JL)

Have you sampled new 4-H projects?

Many of the 4-H success stories start with the 4-H project itself! Long-time 4-H families know that tree projects and current change to match the concerns of friends today.

In the past year, the “Tree Manual” is one of the publications that became available. In this manual, 4-H members learn how trees are classified and how to identify them. Two things members can do in this project are to learn to use a dichotomous key and to identify 60 common Nebraska trees.

“Everyone a Gardener” helps the beginning gardener successfully produce food crops. 4-H members can choose a garden site, plant a garden, grow vegetables, select and purchase garden supplies and grow transplants. If you know a 4-H member who loves the outdoors, one of these two projects may be their choice.

“Tailoring” is an advanced clothing project targeted for 4-H members with developed sewing skills. Individuals will learn to choose appropriate patterns and fabrics, plus tailoring techniques that will be used to create a tailored garment. Those who have finished Challenging Patterns and skills may be ready for this new project.

One other change in 1993 is that “Let’s Create” is a county project only. This means that no entries will be selected for state fair.

Take a careful look at the project choices and get the family members involved. Have fun in this year’s projects! (JL)

Sandy Scofield addresses delegates bound for Washington

Lancaster County’s Citizenship Washington Focus delegates met on October 17 to study about local and state government. Members listened to school reports, majored searched for answers to county/town government. Simultaneously, teams, watched a video about the unicameral legislative process and discussed Nebraska legislative issues with Sandy Scofield, special assistant to the governor for budget and planning.

Delegates were involved in discussing the property tax dilemma, state gambling revenue, economic and social ramifications, plus the success of the unicameral version of the two house system of neighboring states. Understanding the issues will make the Lancaster County delegates stronger participants at the Citizen- ship Washington Focus.

The delegation will meet again on March 20 to examine the organization and issues of Federal government. At that meeting, the group will also make specific plans for travel and committees. (JL)

4-H hurricane assistance fund established in Hawaii

After hurricane Iniki, many of Hawaii’s 4-H families, clubs and councils faced long-term challenges in resuming their youth development work in Hawaii. To assist with the Hawaii 4-H Foundation to assist with rebuilding, club leaders can contact the extension office in Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. (JL)

Groups giving money away

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award $500 scholarships from the Martha and Don Romo Scholarship fund to one senior male and one senior female who plan to continue with post high school education. Applications are available at the extension office and must be submitted or on or before December 10, 1992 to Larry McKinzie, Rf. 4, Box 154, Beatrice, NE 68310.

The Colgate Palmolive Company is again sponsoring the “Youth for America” campaign. This award winning program, in which the National 4-H Council has participated since 1972, is designed to help promote community spirit and responsibility among members. Cash grants between $100 and $5,000 will be awarded for the best community service projects. This year, the bonus prize winning club will win a trip to the nation’s capital to receive their $2,000 award at the White House.

In 1992, Lancaster County’s No Name Kids 4-H Club received Honorable Mention for their participation. Pick up your entry form for this campaign today!
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Extension Board Election

You are invited to vote for the directorships of the Lancaster County Extension Board. The extension board is responsible for the programs of the Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County. Directors are responsible for funding, overall policy direction and employment of county personnel.

The extension board is similar to a local school board in areas of responsibility. The Lancaster County Extension Board works closely with University Cooperative Extension. Any bonafide resident of Lancaster County and not under the age of 18 will be considered only if properly completed. Write-in candidates are eligible for election. All ballots must be received before December 21, 1992. The deadline for registration is October 21, 1992. The votes will be tabulated and the results will be announced at the December 21 meeting of the board. The decision will be made by the board.

Voter Declaration: I hereby declare that I am a bonafide resident of Lancaster County and am of legal voting age.

Name
Address
City
State
Zip Code

Official County Extension Board Ballot

Vote for candidates

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Diana Grage

Youth Program Volunteer, private businesswoman

Educational background: Waverly High School; 4-H project leader; former 4-H club president; member of Sheep VIPS Committee—serving as secretary for three years, vice president of the Nebraska Dorset Breeders Association; nominated for National Board of Directors for the Continental Dorset Breeders Association; for Nebraska Registered Sheep Breeders Association, past president of Nebraska Y.M.C.A.; U.S.B.A. program.

Gerald Halling

Youth Program Volunteer, Club Leader

Educational background: High School and vocational education; sheep繁育员; Current secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Extension Board; former 4-H club leader; former 4-H Council president; member of the American Simmental and Nebraska Simmental Associations, former senior president for the Lancaster County Fair, member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, former chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Why do you wish to be elected to the county extension board?

“Your role as a county extension board member would be a way for me to help in developing policies that can meet the needs of all Lancaster County residents. I have a strong commitment to developing the human resources of our community. I have the necessary background in the field of education, I have an opportunity to see things from a kids' perspective. I believe this can be helpful as we plan our area activities.”

Scott Hayman

Fertilizer and Chemical Dealer

Educational background: Nebraska Wesleyan - 4 years Community activities: County chairman of Nebraska Fertilizer Ins; member of the Lancaster County Health Department Solid Wastewater Advisory Committee; high school football official for 24 years (3 state final games, 18 state playoff games). Why do you wish to be elected to the county extension board?

“Promote better relationships between the people of Lancaster County and the extension agency.”

Additional information:

“Adoption is a key for effective participation in any area. We own a small breeding business of registered Dorset and Hamp sheep. Living on 20 acres of land is a continuing challenge to manage and run a breeding business.”

Lyle Hermance

Director of Agricultural Programs & Adult Education Centers at SouthEast Community College - Area Community Services

Educational background: Bachelor of Science - University of Nebraska Nebraskan activities: Area life-long resident of urban and rural Lancaster County; although I have been involved in many Extension Board items, most of them have been in the areas of working with rural youth and family, job preparation and education of adult and young farmers.

Why do you wish to be elected to the county extension board?

“Two years experience as an extension board member; currently serving as extension board president; served one term as member of the Nebraska County Agricultural Society; interest and experience in adult education; desire to improve communication and cooperation between local organizations, agencies and individuals.”

Additional information:

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Extension Board Election

You are invited to vote for the directorships of the Lancaster County Extension Board. The extension board is responsible for the programs of the Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County. Directors are responsible for funding, overall policy direction and employment of county personnel.

The extension board is similar to a local school board in areas of responsibility. The Lancaster County Extension Board works closely with University Cooperative Extension. Any bonafide resident of Lancaster County and not under the age of 18 will be considered only if properly completed. Write-in candidates are eligible for election. All ballots must be received before December 21, 1992. The deadline for registration is October 21, 1992. The votes will be tabulated and the results will be announced at the December 21 meeting of the board. The decision will be made by the board.

Voter Declaration: I hereby declare that I am a bonafide resident of Lancaster County and am of legal voting age.

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Official County Extension Board Ballot

Vote for candidates

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Diana Grage

Youth Program Volunteer, private businesswoman

Educational background: Waverly High School; 4-H project leader; former 4-H club president; member of Sheep VIPS Committee—serving as secretary for three years, vice president of the Nebraska Dorset Breeders Association; nominated for National Board of Directors for the Continental Dorset Breeders Association; past president of Nebraska Y.M.C.A.; U.S.B.A. program.

Gerald Halling

Youth Program Volunteer, Club Leader

Educational background: High School and vocational education; sheep繁育员; Current secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Extension Board; former 4-H club leader; former 4-H Council president; member of the American Simmental and Nebraska Simmental Associations, former senior president for the Lancaster County Fair, member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, former chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Why do you wish to be elected to the county extension board?

“Your role as a county extension board member would be a way for me to help in developing policies that can meet the needs of all Lancaster County residents. I have a strong commitment to developing the human resources of our community. I have the necessary background in the field of education, I have an opportunity to see things from a kids' perspective. I believe this can be helpful as we plan our area activities.”

Scott Hayman

Fertilizer and Chemical Dealer

Educational background: Nebraska Wesleyan - 4 years Community activities: County chairman of Nebraska Fertilizer Ins; member of the Lancaster County Health Department Solid Wastewater Advisory Committee; high school football official for 24 years (3 state final games, 18 state playoff games). Why do you wish to be elected to the county extension board?

“Promote better relationships between the people of Lancaster County and the extension agency.”

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Lyle Hermance

Director of Agricultural Programs & Adult Education Centers at SouthEast Community College - Area Community Services

Educational background: Bachelor of Science - University of Nebraska Nebraskan activities: Area life-long resident of urban and rural Lancaster County; although I have been involved in many Extension Board items, most of them have been in the areas of working with rural youth and family, job preparation and education of adult and young farmers.

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Be sure to discard gift wrap-
paper as soon as possible after opening. Never use your fireplace or wood stove to burn wrapping paper.

Exercise extreme caution when using candles. Better still, use UL-listed electric candles. Unattended candles have been the cause of many a holiday season fire in the past.

Need a good gift for a friend or relative that won't get thrown in a closet, and is practical to boot? How about giving a UL-listed smoke detector? Be sure to include a battery.

On behalf of the membership of the Southeast Fire Department, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish NEBLINE readers a very HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and a FIRE SAFE 1993!

Bill Monts, Jr., Fire Prevention Officer, AAS, Southeast Fire Department

Swine

Parts in the Nebraska Swine Enterprise Records Program are taught to include all costs in determining the bottom line. These costs include interest, depreciation and a wage paid to those working on the operation for both labor and management. The analyses summaries are a tool that are beneficial to both agricultural lenders and producers alike. This snapshot of the operation every six months shows the true status of the record. Operation alone is futile without proper analyses.

They also find it helpful in targeting specific areas of the swine enterprise for improvements. In recent years producers have worked to improve swine diet efficiencies and to reduce disease risks which have saved them thousands of dollars. Special workshops were conducted in 1992 for producers wanting to improve feed efficiencies. Producers compared their current swine diets with recommendations based on University of Nebraska research. These workshops netted participants a potential average feed bill savings of $10 per ton or $5,600 annually without compromising pig performance.

To remain competitive and profitable, a well-managed and efficient swine enterprise is a must. For many swine enterprises this often does not require any additional capital expenditures, rather it will be the individual producer who manages and operates the swine enterprise on a day to day basis that will need to change his/her style of management. A manager that has the ability to identify potential problems through the use of financial and production records and make the appropriate changes can ultimately have a competitive and profitable swine enterprise.

Producers who want to enroll in the 1993 Nebraska Swine Records and Analysis Program should contact Dave Varner at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County, 441-7180. (DV)

*See pie charts on right for statistics related to this article and watch for next month's issue of NEBLINE featuring a followup of this story entitled "How Are Nebraska Swine Producers Doing?"

Extension Calendar

All programs and events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Conference Center unless otherwise noted.

December 1
New Leader Orientation Part 1 ................................................. 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.
4-H Council Meeting ............................................................... 7:30 p.m.

December 3-4
Crop Pest Management Update ............................................... (respectively) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Ramada Inn, Kearney

December 5-9
National 4-H Congress - Chicago

December 8
4-State Beef Congress - Wymore, NE ....................................... 3:30-9 p.m.

December 9
Buying a Computer for the Farm? .......................................... 7-9 p.m.
Residue Management/Grain Marketing Seminar ....................... 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Douglas County Extension Office
Tailoring workshop for 4-H clothing project leaders (reservation required) 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

December 10
Eastern Nebraska Soybean Day and Machinery Expo - Wahoo 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Rabbit VIPS Meeting ............................................................ 7:30 p.m.
Speech VIPS Meeting ............................................................ 7:30 p.m.

December 13
Teen Council Christmas Party ................................................. 2:30 p.m.

December 14
4-H Swine VIPS Meeting ...................................................... 7 p.m.
Critt Sitters 4-H Club Meeting ............................................. 7 p.m.
Extension Board Meeting ..................................................... 7:30 p.m.

December 15
Deadline for re-enrollment for existing 4-H clubs Star City Rabbit raisers 4-H Club Meeting 7 p.m.

December 17
1993 Midwest Marketing Conference - Southeast Community College 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

January 5
Crop Protection Clinic .......................................................... 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
4-H Council Meeting ........................................................... 7:30 p.m.

January 6
The "Quicken" Way to Farm Management Part 1 (pre-registration required) 7-10 p.m.
Raymond Central School

January 7
The Real Facts: Organ Donation, Home Extension Club Leader Training Lesson 1 or 7 p.m.

January 13
The "Quicken" Way to Farm Management Part 2 (pre-registration required) 7-10 p.m.
Raymond Central School

January 18
4-H Shooting Sports Club Meeting ....................................... 7-9 p.m.

January 20
The "Quicken" Way to Farm Management Part 3 (pre-registration required) 7-10 p.m.
Raymond Central School

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