

Judging, Show Management School Begins in June

The 2008 Pacific Northwest Livestock Judges and Show Management School is scheduled June 26-28 at Washington State University (WSU). The school is sponsored by WSU, the University of Idaho and Oregon State University and serves as a learning opportunity for new and experienced judges, show managers, fair superintendents, livestock sale committee volunteers, 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, parents, producers and livestock enthusiasts.

The event has been organized to improve the livestock industry by developing participants' skills to effectively and accurately evaluate exhibition food animals; promote positive youth development; and showcase the benefits of animal agriculture and youth development programs.

Participants can select either the judges' or show management track.

Individuals completing the show management track will gain many helpful tools to improve the quality of their fairs and livestock shows. The track will focus

on financial management and accounting of the sale of market animals, emergency planning, show management and livestock sale software, and expectations of animal buyers. The show management section will feature state and national experts on the above topics.

The judges' track will focus on beef, meat goats, sheep and swine. The swine and beef cattle evaluation section will be led by Mark Boggess, director of animal sciences with the National Pork Board. Boggess has owned and operated purebred cattle and swine operations. Boggess is recognized for his excellent communication skills and knowledge of both the show and production livestock industries. Completion of the livestock judges' track will certify the person as a livestock judge, and contact information will be distributed to shows and other livestock events throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Registration for the livestock judges' track costs \$175 for three full days. The

fee includes a judge's notebook, three lunches, a banquet and refreshment breaks. Registration for the show management track is \$100 for two days. The fee includes a notebook, two lunches, a banquet and refreshment breaks. The registration deadline is June 1. Registration for the livestock judges' track is limited; register early to secure your spot.

For more information and to register, contact Sarah Smith, WSU Grant/Adams Extension, at 509-754-2011, ext. 413, or smithsm@wsu.edu; Jerry Newman, WSU 4-H Livestock Program, at 509-338-5938 or newmanj@wsu.edu; or Tiffany Boswell, 4-H program assistant, at 509-335-4128 or tiffany_boswell@wsu.edu. Complete registration information is also available at <http://animalag.wsu.edu> or <http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/index.htm>.



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