

February 2010

Dear 4-H'ers and families,

Hello & greetings to everyone! Our second meeting is on February 18, 2010 at 7:00 in the ECCC Building at the fairgrounds, with registration beginning at 6:45. Remember to watch your local TV station if there is bad weather. If you know of anyone interested in the Dairy Feeder Calf project bring them along to the meeting or have them call a leader, Mike @ 596-1040, Brian & Jean @ 294-6036, Trent @ 642-2663, Ken @ 533-0726, Becky @ 202-1170 or Erica @ 361-9051. It isn't too late to get started in our club.

We are going to have a Veterinarian speaking at the meeting. Please come with open ears and questions! Remember, there are no dumb questions. Now is a good time to ask!

4-H Membership cards are due at this meeting. If you can't turn them in at this meeting, it is your responsibility to get them to the Extension Office by March 1. A membership card needs to be filled out for each club a 4-Her is in, listing all clubs on each card. The \$10.00 from each member to help cover club expenses and auction costs can be paid at this meeting also. It goes up \$1.00 at the March meeting. So please come prepared to take care of this. If you wish to pay by check, make it payable to: Dairy Feeder Calf Club.

We are getting new shirts this year and we need good ideas!! Anybody who would like to submit a drawing/idea must do so at our February meeting. We will vote on them at a later meeting. So get your creative minds working!

We will be making some changes on our club manual this year. We will no longer be printing manuals for every family. We will only be providing manuals for those families that do not have access to the internet. The Purdue Extension Office is no longer going to be printing items for free, and we feel this is the best way to keep our cost down. We will also be using the website to post important information throughout the year, such as newsletters, the essay question, and contact information. It will also serve as a good tool to look up club information. If you have not given us your updated email address, please do so!!
The website address: www.dairyfeederclub.com

This year's essay question is: Please identify 2 types of growth implants and describe the features, benefits, and drawbacks of each. In addition state your opinion as to how these implants could be beneficial or detrimental to the industry.

Geranium Sales: Order forms are available on the website. Geraniums will be selling for \$1.25 again this year and will be available in two colors, red or pink. **Orders and money will be due to Kathy Eash by Friday, April 9**, with pickup on Wednesday April 28 at the fairgrounds. Don't forget about the contest! The top three sellers will be rewarded. You are competing for the following: 1st choice of stalling, 2nd choice of stalling or choice of sale order. So get out there and sell, sell, sell! This is the only money maker we do for the club, so it is very important that we sell lots of geraniums.

****BIG CHANGE**: We are going to be drawing auction numbers at the May weigh-in instead of at the April meeting.

Important dates:

- February 25 – Officers training at fairgrounds @ 7pm
- March 1 - Membership cards due at the Extension Office
- March 18 - March meeting in ECCC building
- April 9 – Geranium orders & money due to leaders
- April 28 – Geranium pick up
- May 1 – Weigh In & Auction number draw

We hope to see all of you on the 18th.

Mike, Brian, Jean, Erica, Becky, Trent, Ken, Brad, Alex