Developing tomorrow’s leaders in agriculture is a cornerstone of what the Cooperative Extension Service is all about. Therefore, I wanted to take this opportunity to make readers aware of the Agriculture Youth Legislative Program offered through a partnership of the NM Cattle Grower’s Association, NM Wool Growers, Inc., and NM Farm & Livestock Bureau.

This program gives NM youth an opportunity to learn about the legislative process. Youth will be involved in community service; communicate their ideas to others; draft, discuss and shepherd legislation through the legislative process; learn effective civic participation skills; make a difference in civic life, and gain an appreciation for diversity.

For more information, please contact Michelle Frost at (505) 247.0584 (office) or Chad Smith (505) 379.9847.

Horse Happenings and New Mexico

October
21: Bonnie Aker Open Horse Show, Bernalillo County 4-H Office Arena. For more details, contact the show manager, Calley Thompson, at 505-506-6407.

November
17-18: ASHA Stock Horse Clinic & Competition, Armstrong Equine Services, La Mesa. More details at: http://www.americanstockhorse.org/calendar

December
1: NM Paint Horse Association Annual Meeting and Awards, Albuquerque. Details at: http://www.nmpainthorse.org

7: Opening Day 2012-2013 Meet, Sunland Park Race Track.

Noteworthy Newsbites

October 17, 2012 Update from NMLB on VS restrictions: The New Mexico Livestock Board is relaxing the movement and health care restrictions on all counties in NM except Los Alamos, San Miguel, and Taos counties where there are ongoing investigations and quarantines. Movement restrictions and 5 day CVI for events in these counties or livestock traveling out of these counties will remain in effect. Persons with livestock traveling out of state from Los Alamos, San Miguel, and Taos counties must obtain permission from state of destination prior to movement. Canada and other states may continue restrictions on NM livestock movement for an indefinite period of time. All NM producers and veterinarians must contact state of destination prior to movement.


New Jersey is the latest state to enact legislation to ban equine slaughter: http://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/552012/approved/20120921c.html

During the past few days, there have been conflicting reports about the regulation of US horses being shipped to processing plants in Canada. Read the latest at: http://www.examiner.com/article/business-as-usual-for-slaughtering-american-horses-canada-begins-again

**A bright spot in the equine industry**—KY Farm-Level Equine Receipts Increase in 2011. Details are available in the September Bluegrass Equine Digest: http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/NewsBED.asp


**Pistol Pete’s Posse**

The NMSU **Horse Judging Team** took home a fourth place team finish at the Reichert Celebration Invitational Judging Contest in Ft. Worth on September 5th. Their next competition will be October 17th at the All American Quarter Horse Congress contest in Columbus, OH.

The NMSU Women’s **Equestrian Team** clinched a victory over West Texas A&M on October 13. Detailed results and their upcoming competitions can be viewed at: http://www.nmstatesports.com

The NMSU **Rodeo Men’s Team** finished out the fall season with a hefty lead in the Grand Canyon Regional standings. Detailed results are posted at: http://www.collegerodeo.com

Results of the **State Fair Championship 4-H Horse Show**: Congratulations to all of the competitors at the show and the winners of the categories listed below.

Senior Division High Point Award: 1st—Rachel Pozzi on “Alias Delight”; 2nd—Amy Montoya on “Ms Cierra Coosa”; 3rd—Savannah Wellborn on “RZ Par Investment”.

Junior Division High Point Award: 1st—Ashley Cleff on “Bos Marvelous Star”; 2nd—Kaylee Madewell on “On The Green”; 3rd—Abby Wilton on “Dun It Jose”.

Novice Division High Point Award: 1st—Brynn Dils on “A Gracious Impulse”; 2nd—Trent Kitts on “Diversified Ideas”; 3rd—Kansas Haddock on “Kims Classic Lad”

Two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity: 1st—Lily Woodall; 2nd—Rebecca Bottini; 3rd—Sullivan Woodall.

Three-year-old versatility: 1st—Lily Woodall on “Rx The Man”; 2nd—Katherine Arnold on “Closin Down The Bars”; 3rd—Caitlin Lange on “Skipas Key Design”.

**Turner’s Tip**

MyCAERT is an online system that provides, for a fee, career and technical education. You can view sample lessons on agricultural topics at: http://www.mycaert.com/agricultural-lessons.asp. They also provide sample career profiles that may be useful when working with teenage youth. Check them out at: http://www.mycaert.com/career-profiles/

**Horse Judging Team Resource**: Purebred Arabian Gelding Class on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hehTaStCCHc

**Well Worth Watching**

**How to Bandage** a Horse's Leg with Vetrap: http://www.thehorse.com/Video.aspx?vID=528

**Ask The Vet Live Q&A** on Equine Osteoarthritis on October 18, 8:00 PM EDT: http://www.thehorse.com/ask-the-vet/

My Horse University **Webinar Series** for Horse Owners: Nutrition for Horses. Detailed schedule available at: http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/

**Closing Comments**

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"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson