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TO: Colorado 4-H Agents

FROM: Wendy Woerner, Superintendent, Colorado 4-H Livestock Bowl Contest

RE: 2009 Colorado 4-H Livestock Bowl Contest

The second Annual Colorado 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 during the State 4-H Conference. This comprehension livestock knowledge competition will be conducted on the CSU campus starting at 8:00 a.m., will be double elimination this year, and will be open to teams from all counties (counties are allowed to have multiple teams representing their county). The goal is to have a state-wide competitive activity that tests 4-H'ers comprehensive knowledge of beef, sheep, swine and meat goat projects. The state champion team will earn the honor of representing Colorado 4-H at the National contest at Ak-Sar-Ben during the fall. Please find the attached rules packet as well (Colorado 4-H Livestock Bowl Contest).

All questions used for the contest will be limited to 5 specific resources, including the following:

- 1) **NEW** - Colorado 4-H Raising and Showing Market Swine (MA3114 Member's Manual) - Entire manual (cover to cover)

- 2) Colorado 4-H Feeding Market Beef (MA0201A Member's Manual) - Entire manual (cover to cover)

- 3) Colorado 4-H Raising and Showing Market Lambs (MA2500C Member Manual) - Entire manual (cover to cover)

- 4) Colorado 4-H Raising and Showing Meat Goats (MA1254 Member Manual) - Entire manual (cover to cover)

- 5) 9th Edition Scientific Farm Animal Production (Authors: Tom Field and Robert Taylor) This is the text book used in teaching the general animal science course at Colorado State University. - All information/topics (cover to cover) relating to **Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats** and **Beef ONLY** (No questions will be asked regarding any other livestock species.) This text can be purchased at www.amazon.com for ~\$95.00 new (or less if buying a slightly used text) or through a CSU book store.

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NEW for this year – In the final round (between the top two teams), we will include some current event questions, which are based on current events in the beef, sheep, meat goat, and swine industries. Since studying from these may appear to be overwhelming, keep these points in mind. Think about major issues that have affected the livestock industry in many ways such as: animal diseases, exports, animal ID, environmental issues, and regulatory changes. The following online resources may be used to develop these questions:

American Sheep Industry Association website www.sheepusa.org

National Cattlemen's Beef Association website www.beefusa.org

National Pork Board website www.pork.org

American Meat Institute website www.meatami.com

Pork Magazine (questions related to current industry issues, Jan-June 2009) www.porkmag.com

Beef Magazine (questions related to current industry issues, Jan-June 2009) www.beef-mag.com

Please note that registration and entry information will be included in the State 4-H Conference information, which you will receive from Melissa Oliver at a later date. For further information regarding this contest, feel free to contact Wendy at (970) 498-6006 or wwoerner@larimer.org