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On Being Professional

High praise goes out to those exhibitors who attended the State Fair Junior Poultry Awards Program in their 4-H or FFA uniform, or in neat, non-uniform attire.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines professional as "worthy of the high standards of a profession." The Awards Ceremony acknowledges what you have done as a professional youth poultry exhibitor. For those of you in 4-H, you are members of the official youth program of the University of California.

A professional should **NOT** attend an awards ceremony in cut-off shorts, tank top, or with a dirty t-shirt. Only a uniform hat may be worn for an indoor ceremony. Baseball hats, caps, and cowboy hats are inappropriate. Gum chewing is, of course, a major no-no.

Parents and Leaders, please help in teaching our youth these important facts. Those children who took the time to dress for the Awards Ceremony brought honor to their families, clubs/chapters, the University of California and themselves regardless of the ribbon color they received.

International Egg Commission (IEC) Website

The IEC has an updated website (www.internationalegg.com) featuring news articles on egg industry issues around the globe. The site may be especially of interest to Egg Preparation Demonstration competitors as it features an ever-changing array of egg recipes.

2001 Egg Preparation Demonstration Champions

The California 4-H Qualifier in Egg Preparation Demonstration was held August 7th at U.C. Davis.

Judges Richard Booher (Co-owner, Valley Wine Company, Davis), Tony Cobarrubia (Valley Fresh Foods, Turlock), and Pat Ernst (Davis) evaluated the competitors.

Marta Kroger of Vacaville was chosen Junior Champion for her Chocolate Angel Food Cake. To represent California at the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference this November in Louisville, Kentucky, the judges chose Jonathan Withrow of Sacramento. Jonathan's presentation featured Denver Scrambled Eggs.

This was the 2nd year for the Egg Preparation Qualifier in California. Start planning now, so you can compete in 2002.

4-H Poultry Members Capture Champion Challenge Titles

Amelia Paukert (Napa) and Marta Kroger (Contra Costa) emerged as the top two competitors in this year's Champion Challenge at State Fair. They demonstrated their command of small animal (broiler, rabbit, and turkey) knowledge by winning the small animal semi-finals. In front of a panel of ag industry leaders they answered questions on the issues facing today's animal agriculturalists.

As Champion and Reserve Champion Small Animal Exhibitors they received \$1,000 Savings Bond and a Banner and, \$750 Savings Bond and Banner, respectively.

Marta's Reserve Supreme Champion Livestock Exhibitor awards were a \$2,500 Savings Bond, Rosette and Banner and for besting all comers large and small animal exhibitors, Amelia received a \$5,000 Savings Bond offered by Farmers Feed, Trophy, Rosette and Banner.

These handsome awards should stimulate others to study for and enter next year's Champion Challenge.

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Teams of Two Triumph

The State Fair Junior Avian Bowl Competition featured the following teams: Yolo Juniors, Rubber Duckies (Marin), Loc'l Yolk'ls (Placer, Contra Costa, Nevada and Sacramento Counties) and The Egg Heads (Placer).

Triumphant at the end of the evening were the Rubber Duckies. Missing their third team member, Eva Stevens, brothers David and Paul Copperman bested all comers. Susan Copperman was the team's coach.

Competing in the Senior Avian Bowl State Qualifier were the Albu-women (Contra Costa County), Yolo Seniors, and the Contra Costa Seniors.

Once again it was a hard-studying duo who captured the title. Heather Stephens and Jeremy Stanten came up with the correct answers and great team work. Coached by Margie Stephens, they will represent California at the 4-H Poultry and Egg National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congratulations to all the competitors and my thanks to volunteer Avian Bowl officials, Dr. Lauren Plumer, Richard Schroeder, Katherine Plumer, Jonathan Withrow and Mary Beth Upjohn.

4-H Alumni News

Dan Famini (Sonoma County) starts Veterinary School this Fall at U.C. Davis.

Mary Beth Upjohn and Matt Prendergast (both from Sacramento County) were married this summer.

Jeremy Johansen (Yolo County) is the Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute Summer Scholar in San Francisco. Jeremy will return to UCSB this Fall.

State Fair Auction Results

Broiler Pens

2001 State Fair Grand Champion Broiler Pen

Exhibitor: Jennifer Byford
Club: Templeton FFA
County: San Luis Obispo
Sale Price: \$1,500
Buyer: Fan Fair
Add-ons: Supporters of Poultry Youth
Yosemite Meat Company
Foster Poultry Farms

2001 State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Broiler Pen

Exhibitor: Ronald Lagrama
Club: Florin FFA
County: Sacramento
Sale Price: \$2,200
Buyer: Markstein Beverage Company
of Sacramento
Add-ons: Supporters of Poultry Youth
Foster Poultry Farms

Turkeys

2001 State Fair Grand Champion Turkey

Exhibitor: Sharon Culbertson
Club: Lodi FFA
County: San Joaquin
Sale Price: \$2,400
Buyer(s): Former FFA Officers and Friends
Add-ons: Supporters of Poultry Youth
Petersen Friends
Muller Ranch
Troy Bowers
M&A Backhoe Service
The Culbertsons
Foster Poultry Farms
Quartermoon Cattle

2001 State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Turkey

Exhibitor: Mark Ryan
Club: Independence 4-H
County: Sonoma
Sale Price: \$1,400
Buyer: Mering and Associates
Add-ons: Supporters of Poultry Youth
Agricultural Roundtable

Preview Day 2001

Preview Day at U.C. Davis is designed for high school students and their parents, and school counselors. This year's date is Saturday, October 27.

No registration is required and there are no participation fees. You will pay \$4.00 for parking.

Program

8:30 a.m. Welcome
Campus tours - does require
reservation (530) 752-2971.
Information Workshops
Majors Faire

4:30 p.m. End

If you have questions call Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach Services (530) 752-2971 or e-mail previewday@ucdavis.edu.

Colony Chukar Cages - FREE

The Avian Sciences Research Facility at UC Davis has approximately ten colony chukar cages to give away. These are hanging cages and would be suitable for clean legged bantams, quail or chukars. They are designed for use with "V" trough waterers and gutter type feeders. Feeders and waterers are not included.

Interested parties should contact Dr. Jackie Pimenti (530) 752-2874.

UC Davis Strain 412 Available

A line of commercial New Hampshires has been maintained as a closed flock at Davis since 1972. The birds are high producers of dark brown eggs. The flock is *S. pullorum*, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *S. typhimurium* free.

Any 4-Hers interested in obtaining stock should contact Dr. Jackie Pimenti (530) 752-2874 immediately. Dr. Pimenti needs to know the demand before recycling the breeders and setting eggs. Chicks would be available around December.

2001 Calendar

October 20-21

Central Coast Feather Fanciers, County Fairgrounds, Paso Robles. Contact Phyllis Phelps, (805) 434-1043.

October 27 (Saturday)

U.C. Davis Preview Day (see article this issue).

October 27 (Saturday only)

4-H Statewide Invitational All Junior Poultry Show, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa. Contact Shirley Conkling, (707) 433-7329.

October 27-28

Bakersfield Fancy Feather Club Autumn Classic; Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield. Contact Dottie Aten, (661) 821-0600.

(Call for show dates)

Golden Gate Bantam Club, Calaveras County Fairgrounds, Angels Camp. Contact Eric Kutch, (209) 984-4773.

(Call for show dates)

Pacific Coast Bantam Club, Los Angeles Fairplex, Pomonca, Contact Jim Eklund (562) 695-9478.

2002 Calendar

January 26-27

Pacific Poultry Breeders Association Annual Winter Show, Placer County Fairgrounds, Roseville. Contact Janice Sherman (559) 622-0639 or jbsherm@gateway.net.

February 2

Avian Science Day, U.C. Davis (details in next issue)

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