

# Gooding County Extension Office — Newsletter



May & June, 2008

## I Weighed-in My Steer, Now What?



Cowboy

*Note: This year I enrolled as a beef project member and I plan to write a few articles to address some of my challenges of feeding and raising a project steer. This may be helpful to the reader with the management of their project. Just as members do, I weighed-in my steer “Cowboy” in March and my fair date is September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Open to the World Steer Show at the Twin Falls County Fair.*

### I Weighed-in My Steer, Now What?

By Cindy A. Kinder, Area 4-H Extension Educator

On March 19<sup>th</sup> Cowboy was weighed in at 725 lbs, he is an Angus/Charolais cross steer. Cowboy is a large frame steer (score 6) and I estimated he should weigh 1375 at fair time. In order for Cowboy to make this market

weight he has to gain 3.80 lbs per day.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> Cowboy weighed 780 lbs he had gained 3.06 lbs per day. That is below his estimated weight gain on my growth chart! I was feeding Cowboy 6 scoops of rolled barley/corn (twice a day); which is 18 lbs per day. I thought that was more than enough! Why is he not gaining more?

I also noticed that Cowboy was cleaning up his grain and would come running when it was time to feed him. He was telling me he wanted more. When I weighed a scoop of grain it weighed 2 lbs, not what I originally thought! I had better increase his feed!

Now I give him 9 scoops of corn (4.5 per feeding) which is challenging him to eat more. He leaves just a little grain and now when the grain is cleaned up I know it is time to give him more. (Cowboy should be eating at least 2% of his body weight in grain, per day, which is  $780 \times 2\% = 15.6$  lbs per day or 8 scoops.)

I am watching what I feed Cowboy; besides feeding him barley/corn and some Vigor Plus. I am also feeding Cowboy alfalfa hay. The other day part of the bale was moldy; I did not feed him the parts that were molded. The bugs (bacteria) in a beef animal’s rumen can handle a little bit (<5%) of mold but I would not like to eat mold, so I tossed the bad parts away.

There was some hay and “gunk” in the bottom of the water tank so I cleaned Cowboy’s water tank which I fill every week depending on the number of animals that share his tank.

Looks like Cowboy is now on the right track, eating and drinking the right amount of the good stuff.

How is your project going? Here are some questions you can ask yourself.

- ◆ What does your grain weigh?
- ◆ Are you feeding 2% of body weight in grain a day?
- ◆ Is the actual A.D.G. below or above the estimated A.D.G.?
- ◆ What is your animal telling you?

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# CURRENT 4-H CALENDAR

Note: CEO is County Extension Office

## MAY

- 1 Enrollment deadline for dairy and all small animal projects**
- 1 Idaho 4-H Horse of the Year deadline
- 1 Application deadline for Idaho Horsemanship Award Test
- 1 Wells Fargo/First Security Foundation Wristwatch Applications due in Gooding CEO
- 1 National 4-H Dairy Conference applications due in State 4-H Office
- 1 Market Pig Weigh-in, 4:30 to 6:00 pm, Gooding Fairgrounds Pig Barn**
- 2 June Camp Counselor application deadline
- 2 Wildlife Camp early bird registration and fee due in Jerome CEO
- 3 Gooding Founders Day
- 6 District III Leaders' Association. Meeting, 7:00 pm, Cassia CEO
- 9 Wildlife Camp late registration and fee due in Jerome CEO
- 9 ATV Camp early bird registration and fee due in Jerome CEO
- 15 Teen Conference regular application deadline (form & fees due in Gooding Ext. Of.)
- 17 District III Wildlife Day Camp, Jerome Gun Club, Check-in @8:15 a.m.**
- 19 ATV Camp late registration and fee due in Jerome CEO
- 19 Gooding CEO to mail Teen Conference regular applications and fees to State 4-H Office
- 19 4-H Leaders' Council and Committee Meetings, 5-8:00 pm, Gooding CEO**  
**5:00 – FCS Committee, 6:00 – Horse Committee, 7:00 – Leaders' Council Meeting,**  
**8:00 – Livestock Committee**
- 21 District Horse & Pony Meeting, 6:30, Traveler's Oasis, Hansen (6:00 if you want to eat)
- 23 June Summer Camp early bird registration deadline (Jerome CEO)
- 23 Natural Resources Workshop Registration deadline (see form for address)
- 22-24 Hagerman Fossil Days
- 26 Memorial Day, Gooding Office Closed**
- 26 Lamb Camp early bird registration and fee due in Gooding CEO
- 30 District Dairy Camp early bird registration and fee due in Minidoka CEO
- 31 District ATV Safety Camp, Twin Falls Co. Fairgrounds, Filer, Check-in @ 9:00 am
- 31 Magic Valley Classic for Beef and Sheep, Gooding Fairgrounds

## JUNE

- 2 Enrollment deadline for sheep projects**
- 2 District Lamb Camp late registration and fee due in Gooding CEO
- 2 Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp early bird registration and fee due in Gooding CEO.
- 2 Well Fargo/First Security Foundation Award applications due in State 4-H Office
- 2 County Teen Conference Orientation, 4:00 pm, Gooding CEO
- 5-8 District III Camp Opening Weekend
- 6 Final Enrollment deadline**
- 6 June Summer Camp enrollment deadline (Jerome CEO)
- 6 District Dairy Camp late registration and fee due in Minidoka CEO
- 9-13 Idaho 4-H Teen Conference Week, University of Idaho Campus, Moscow
- 10 District Lamb Camp, Gooding Fairgrounds, Check-in at 9:00 am**
- 10 Market Animal Sale Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm, Gooding CEO
- 12 Market Lamb Weigh-in, 4:30 to 6:00 pm, Gooding Fairgrounds, Pig Barn**
- 13 Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp late registration deadline in Gooding CEO
- 13 District Dairy Camp, Minidoka County Fairgrounds, Check-in at 9:00 am.
- 13 My Heritage, My State Day Camp early bird registration and fee due in Cassia CEO
- 13-14 Wendell Dairy Days
- 14 Magic Valley Classic Swine Show, Gooding Fairgrounds**
- 16 4-H Leaders' Council and Committee Meetings, Gooding CEO**  
**5:00 – FCS Committee, 6:00 – Horse Committee, 7:00 – Leaders' Council Meeting,**  
**8:00 – Livestock Committee**
- 16 June Summer Camp late registration deadline (Jerome CEO)
- 16-19 District III 4-H June Camp, Central Idaho 4-H Camp, Ketchum
- 18 July Summer Camp early bird registration deadline (Camas CEO)
- 19 Pig Camp, Boise
- 20 Pig Jackpot Show, Boise
- 23 My Heritage, My State Day Camp late registration and fee due in Cassia CEO
- 23-28 Natural Resources Workshop, Central Idaho 4-H Camp, Ketchum
- 24 County Rabbit Clinic, 7:00 p.m., Rabbit Pen Area
- 30 July Summer Camp late registration deadline (Camas CEO)

## A Campin' We Will Go . . . .

District III 4-H is sponsoring several day and overnight camps during the months of May through July for Magic Valley and Wood River Valley youth. All camps are described in the **2008 District III 4-H Summer Camp Program** booklet which is available for no charge in the District III county extension offices or **online** at: [//extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding](http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding).

Camps offered this year include: **Wildlife Day Camp, ATV Day Camp, Lamb Day Camp, Dairy Day Camp, My Heri-**

**tage, My State Day Camp, Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp, June Summer Camp, July Summer Camp and the Natural Resources Camp.**

The booklet also has the Counselor Position Description and application forms. If there is only one camp you are interested in, we can provide you with the forms for that camp. So, if you read or hear about a camp that interests you, stop by our office and pick up a *Camp Book* or call 934-4417 and we will mail one to you. **Read more about Wildlife Camp, ATV Camp and Lamb Camp in this newsletter.**

**Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate in any of these district camps,** but they may not be eligible for camp scholarships offered for 4-H members. Scholarships for Gooding County 4-H members are available for the June and July overnight camps for both campers and counselors. Contact the Gooding County Extension Office for more information.

**If you have the energy, 4-H has the FUN!**

### 4-H Wildlife Day Camp

**When:** Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Jerome County Rod & Gun Club

**Topic:** Game Birds

**Who:** Program is geared for youth ages 8-13 and their families, but youth ages 5-18 may attend. Youth who are 7 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

**Class & Activity Topics:** Meet Mountain Men, Upland Game Birds & Waterfowl in Idaho, G.P.S. activity, Duck Calling, Bird Identification, Hunting Rules and Eth-

ics, Hunting Methods and Safety, Habitat, First Aid, Duck Calling Contest, Wild West Show, Building Nest Boxes, Shooting Sports Trailer and Dog Trials.

**WHAT TO BRING:** FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THIS IS AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SO BE PREPARED FOR COLD/WIND/RAIN OR HOT/SUN. BRING HATS, SUN SCREEN AND BUG REPELLENT. DO NOT BRING ANY FIREARMS.

**Parents are Welcome:**

The registration fee will be reduced

by half for adults who are willing to be group leaders. Group leaders do not teach classes but help youth in assigned group with activities and keep the group together. Group leaders will receive instructions that morning. Be sure to mark **Yes** on the registration form.

#### Registration Fees and Deadlines:

EARLY BIRD (POSTMARKED BY MAY 2, 2008) - CAMPER \$15, ADULT \$10  
Late Reg. (May 2 & 9) - Camper \$20, Adult \$15  
Extra Meal: \$5.00



Registration fee covers:  
lunch, snacks,  
all supplies and  
day insurance

**Registration forms are available from the Gooding County extension Office or online at: [//extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding](http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding)**

## 4-H ATV Day Camp

**When:** May 31, 2008. from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (pre-register by May 9, 2008 for early bird fees)

**Where:** Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, Idaho

**Topic:** ATV Safety

**Who:** Youth between the ages of 8 and 18. **Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.**

**Class Topics:** Clothing, Does My ATV Fit?, Know Your Controls, Riding Strategies, Trail Signs, Survival 101, First Aid/Rescue Signs, GPS's, Laws and Regulations, Environmental Tips, ATV Caching, and Camp Fire (families invited to attend).

**WHAT TO BRING:** FRIENDS AND FAMILY, THIS IS AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SO BE PREPARED FOR COLD/WIND/RAIN OR HOT/SUN. BRING HATS, SUN SCREEN AND BUG REPELLENT.  
**DO NOT BRING YOUR ATV**

**Parents are Welcome:** The registration fee will be reduced by half for adults who are willing to be group leaders. Group leaders do not teach classes but help youth in assigned group with activities and keep the group together. Group leaders will receive instructions that morning. Be sure to mark **Yes** on the registration form.

**Registration Fees (covers food, snacks, supplies, hat, survival kit, day insurance)**

EARLY BIRD (POSTMARKED BY MAY 9, 2008) - CAMPER \$20, ADULT \$15

Late Reg. (May 10— 19) - Camper \$30, Adult \$20

## 4-H Sheep Camp

**When:** June 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (pre-register by May 26th for early bird fees)

**Where:** Gooding County Fairgrounds

**Topic:** Sheep

**Who:** Youth between the ages of 8 and 18. **Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or enrolled in a lamb project to attend.**

**Class Topics:** lamb industry in Idaho, washing/clipping/showing, wool craft, animal identification, animal behavior, animal health, fun and games, camp fire and a mock show. Families are invited to the camp fire and show. Youth must participate in camp in order to participate in the show.



**WHAT TO BRING:** FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND YOUR LAMB PROJECT! THIS IS AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SO BE PREPARED FOR COLD/WIND/RAIN OR HOT/SUN. BRING HATS, SUN SCREEN AND BUG REPELLENT.

**Parents are Welcome:** The registration fee will be reduced by half for adults who are willing to be group leaders. Group leaders do not teach classes but help youth in assigned group with activities and keep the group together. Group leaders will receive instructions that morning. Be sure to mark **Yes** on the registration form.

**Registration Fees (covers food, snacks, supplies, day insurance)**

EARLY BIRD (POSTMARKED BY MAY 26, 2008) - CAMPER \$12, ADULT \$10

Late Reg. (May 27— June 2) - Camper \$15, Adult \$15

On site registration—\$25 (camper and adult)

Extra Meal—\$5

Registration forms are available from the Gooding County Extension Office or online at:  
[//extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding.](http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding)



### SPONSOR AN AWARD

Gooding County 4-H members are awarded over 400 awards each year for their project work. Most are given at fair but others are presented at contests or the Awards Program. Many awards are trophies, but plaques, medals, scholarships, coupons and cash are also awarded.

It's time to begin contacting sponsors for this year's awards.

If you would like to sponsor an award, please contact us in the Gooding Extension Office (934-4417).

## 4-H Dairy Day Camp

**When:** June 13, 2008. from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (pre-register by May 30, 2008 for early bird fees)

**Where:** Minidoka County Fairgrounds, Rupert, Idaho

**Topic:** Dairy Cattle

**Who:** Youth between the ages of 8 and 18. **Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or enrolled in a dairy project to attend.**

**Class Topics:** care and feeding of baby calves, dairy farming, fitting and showing, make ice cream in a can, benefits of calcium, cheese making, fun and games, make a craft and camp fire (families are invited).

**WHAT TO BRING:** FRIENDS AND FAMILY, THIS IS AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SO BE PREPARED FOR COLD/WIND/RAIN OR HOT/SUN. BRING HATS, SUN SCREEN AND BUG REPELLENT. **DO NOT BRING YOUR CALF/COW.**

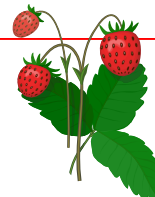
**Parents are Welcome:** The registration fee will be reduced by half for adults who are willing to be group leaders. Group leaders do not teach classes but help youth in assigned group with activities and keep the group together. Group leaders will receive instructions that morning. Be sure to mark **Yes** on the registration form.



**Registration Fees (covers food, snacks, supplies, day insurance)**

EARLY BIRD (POSTMARKED BY MAY 30, 2008) - CAMPER \$10, ADULT \$10  
Late Reg. (May 31— June 6) - Camper \$15, Adult \$15

## JUNE JAMBOREE!



**When:** June 18, 2008 from 1 to 4:00 p.m. (pre-register by June 9, 2008)

**Where:** Gooding County Extension Office

**Who:** Youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Youth will learn how to make freezer strawberry jam, baking powder biscuits, a fruit smoothie, creative napkin folding, make floral centerpieces, make their own invitations, basic calligraphy and creative garnishes. What a FUN Afternoon!

*Look for the registration form in the JUNE newsletter.*

## LAMB WEIGH-IN

**Lamb Weigh-in** will be Thursday, **June 12** from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Beef Barn on the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

There is no minimum or maximum is suggested. Members may weigh in and tag a "floater" if they \$8.00 per lamb weigh-in fee.



of Sale and Project Agreement

Members must be enrolled by June 2, 2008. weight but a beginning weight of 75-80 pounds in and tag up to three lambs. Families may choose. Tags and vaccines are included in the Weigh-in fees, Commitment to Excellence, Bill form (if your animal will not be raised at your address) must be submitted to the Gooding County Extension Office by June 9th. Sheep Project Resource Manuals are available in the Gooding County Extension Office at no cost to the members.

**Read the 4-H Market Lamb Project Guidelines on the following Page.**

# 4-H Market Lamb Project Guidelines

By Cindy A. Kinder, Area Extension Educator

Anyone of 4-H age (8-18) with facilities available can be involved in 4-H sheep projects. The following are guidelines for purchasing project lambs. These are general guidelines you should refer to your local county guidelines for firm weights and dates. Lambs should weigh between 75-80 pounds. Lambs typically gain .5 to .8 lbs per day until fair. Lambs are fed for 60 days and will weigh 127-140 lbs at fair time. Purchasing younger or lighter lambs are less likely to make market weight; typically is at least 120 pounds.

Feeding is very important to any market animal project. After careful selection, proper care and management of your project will determine the final market weight and success of your project. As ruminants, sheep will generally eat an average of 3% of their body weight in dry matter per day, however this average is over the entire feeding period. They usually start out at over 4% per day and gradually the percentage goes down but remember the pounds they eat per day goes up. The finishing feed ration for market lambs should be two parts grain and one part hay.

The stomach or rumen of lambs needs to be gradually adjusted to grain. Microorganisms present in the rumen help the animal digest food. If a lamb is given too much grain at any one time this can damage the present microorganisms causing the lamb to scour, go off feed, and become sick. You should start your 50-60 pound lamb on ½ lbs. of grain per day. Then slowly increase grain until the lamb is on full ration. Make sure your lamb cleans up all the grain before increasing the amount of feed. A good idea is to feed a weighed quantity of grain and free choice the hay.

Grain rations should contain corn with little or no oats. Oats are lower in energy and do not make for a good finishing feed. Supplements need to include salt, vitamins, and minerals. Salt should be fed to lambs in a loose form to ensure they eat enough. Most feeds purchased from a feed store already contain needed supplements. Also, feeds should be processed; coarse ground, or cracked. Feeding whole grain is hard to digest and some feed may pass through the digestive system without being used. If you need to make feed adjustments, do so over a 2-4 day period. Good quality alfalfa hay works well for a roughage source. Remember sheep, like all animals, need to have access to clean, cool, fresh water.

Members involved in market lamb projects learn many valuable life skills such as decision-making, management, and record keeping that will last them a lifetime.



## 2008 TEEN CONFERENCE

There is still time for youth in the 8th grade

and older to register for the week-long 4-H Teen Conference held on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow, Idaho.

Registration packets are available from our office or you can download it from the State 4-H website at [www.4h.uidaho.edu](http://www.4h.uidaho.edu).

This year's workshop tracks include: Fashion, Challenge, fitness, Leadership, Outdoor Sports, College 101, Dance, Animal Science,

Reporting, Robotics, Graphic Design, Culture and Drama. Additional activities will include a dance, variety show, water carnival, Capture the Flag, Obstacle Course, Soccer and making new friends.

The registration form and \$250 fee is due in the Gooding County Extension Office by May 15. Applications may be accepted after May 15 if space is available. An additional transportation fee will be charged for the bus and that cost will depend on the number of youth riding the bus. That cost will be available after the May 15th deadline.

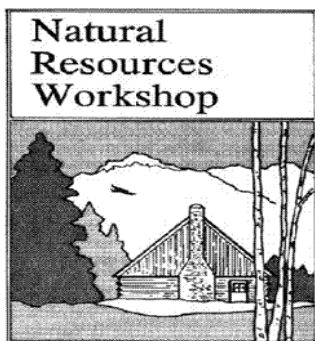
## District III Teen Camp Opening

Youth between the ages of 12 and 19 (as of January 1, 2008) can attend the Teen Camp Opening, June 5-8, for a FUN time working and playing together as they prepare the Central Idaho 4-H Camp for another summer of camping. In addition to preparing the camp, youth will participate in "So You Want to Move Out", a financial program that will "pay" youth for the work they do, then youth can "pay their bills" at the end of camp. Call our office if you would like a registration form. The registration form and \$25 fee must be postmarked by May 19, 2008.

## Wells Fargo/First Security Foundation Wristwatch Award Program

Each year Wells Fargo/First Security Foundation recognizes achievement in Idaho's 4-H members by awarding wristwatches. Each county may select one boy or girl to receive this award. The 4-H member must complete an application recording his/her projects, activities and leadership over the last two years, and write a brief statement of his/her greatest leadership achievement in 4-H. The application, #91806, and the Project Points publi-

cation, #91807, are available on the 4-H website and in the Gooding Extension Office. Selection is determined by a county selection committee. It is suggested that members achieve as close to 200 points as possible. This is not a minimum, but a guideline. Members achieving less than 200 points are eligible for the award. Selection does not have to be based solely upon the grand total number of points accumulated by applicants. Call Marie at the Gooding County Extension Office to receive an application. **The deadline has been extended to May 15th.**



**If** you are 12-14 years old and want to learn about your natural environment and how to protect it and use it wisely, this workshop is for you! Spend June 23-28, 2008 at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp (18 miles north of Ketchum) and explore the world of wildlife,

rangeland, forests, water and soil. **This is a hands-on workshop.** Participants will discover nature's secrets for themselves by conducting experiments and completing outdoor projects. Participants will also enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, rappelling, fishing, volleyball, firearm safety and target shooting, and fireside sing-alongs.

**Cost is \$175 due by May 23;** late registration is \$195. **Scholarships are available through your local Soil Conservation District.**

Applications are available from the Gooding County Extension Office or the Soil Conservation Office.

### CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

Youth who are 14—18 years of age (as of January 1) and enjoy mentoring younger children are needed for the June and July overnight camps. We are accepting applications for all both camps. May 1 is the deadline for the June 16-19 camp and May 16 is the deadline for the July 7-11 camp. Position Description and applications are in the 2008 District III Camp Book and available from our office, or download from our office web site:

<http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu-gooding>.

## ENROLLMENT DEADLINES



March 1—Beef projects

**April 2—All returning members**

April 2—Horse and Llama projects

April 11—Pig projects

May 1—Small Animal, Pet, Goat, Dairy projects

June 2—Sheep projects

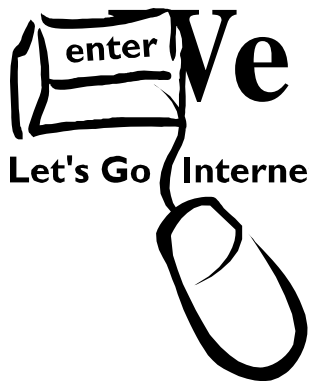
**June 6—Final deadline for new members and to add projects**

### ENROLLMENT FEES:

Regular & Cloverbud members—\$6.00

ATV Project—\$7.00

Horse Project—\$8.00



## We are on the WEB

You can find information for

4-H Calendar

4-H Newsletter

plus all the necessary camp registration forms

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

[www.extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding](http://www.extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding)

**“In the Mooooo-d For A Centennial Celebration”**

*This is the 2008 fair theme. Start planning now how you want to incorporate the theme into your exhibit/bar/stall decorating.*



# Let's Compost!

According to the EPA, yard trimmings and food residuals constitute 24 percent of the U.S. municipal solid waste stream. These organic solids end up in landfills increasing their size and management complexity. In addition, those valuable organic materials are wasted instead of becoming a useful product through composting.

Composting is an excellent tool to stabilize manure and crop residues dramatically reducing odors, pathogens, weeds, air emissions, and

producing a stable product with many beneficial properties like slow release fertilizer, weed/diseases suppressor, soil enrichment, and many other desirable properties.

Using compost on the farm and at home has a variety of agricultural and environmental benefits. On heavy soils, compost helps to reduce compaction and increases infiltration, which reduces erosion-causing runoff; on sandy soils compost increases water retention capabilities. By adding



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compost to soil on a regular basis, farmers and gardeners maintain healthy soils and profitability. Producing farm and home generated compost and applying it to agricultural and garden soils may be a part of more sustainable food production systems and ways of life.

## Advantages of On-Farm Composting

Specific advantages of on-farm composting include:

- An efficient recycling method for crop residues, livestock mortalities, and manure
- Reduced moisture, weight, and volume of stored manure
- Reduced fly, weed, and odor problems in manures and other agricultural byproducts
- A more stable form of nitrogen that is less likely to leach into water supplies
- An easy to handle product
- A slower release of plant-available nutrients in the final product

### Sources:

EPA. 2007. Composting. <http://www.epa.gov/compost/>.

NRAES. 1999. Field Guide to On-Farm Composting. NRAES-114. Natural Resource, Agricultural, and Engineering Service. Cooperative Extension. Ithaca, New York. Edited by Mark Dougherty.



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## How could I start?

There are several resources available such as manuals, web sites, commercial products, etc. But now you will have the opportunity to not only access those resources but also get the latest information and incredible hands on experience!

**During this summer at the University of Idaho Gooding Extension Office (at the Fairgrounds) we will offer a Hands-on Composting School.**

The objective of this school is to reach not only home owners, but especially small farm operators, dairy and feed lot operators, and any other audiences who have to deal with manure, crops/yard residues, and other organic residues like food processors, restaurants, schools, etc.

We will teach topics that vary from the basics of composting to more advanced techniques that could be applied at small, medium, or large scale.

You will have the opportunity to build different composting systems, monitor their performance, and decide which one applies better to your operation.

We haven't set a starting date yet since we are polishing details, but whenever we get news we will publish the date on our web site <http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding>, local newspapers, and through our mailing lists, so be alert and get ready to have some fun learning composting techniques while meeting other producers and home owners.

# Calendar of Events for District III

## *May 2008*

- May 1 Pesticide Workshop with Celestine Duncan, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at the Elks Hall in Challis. Five Pesticide Recertification Credits are available. Register on-line at [www.lemhicwma.or](http://www.lemhicwma.or). (Contact Shannon Williams, 756-2815)
- May 2 Pesticide Workshop with Celestine Duncan, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Business Incubation Center (BIC) in Arco. Four Pesticide Recertification Credits are available. (Contact Brad Gamett at the Butte C o u n t y W e e d D e p a r t m e n t , 527-8595)
- May 10 Planning for Independence and Long-Term Care Seminar, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Shilo Inn, in Twin Falls. The seminar is free, and there will be no marketing or sales of products or services. (To register, contact the Jerome County Extension Office, 324-7578)
- May 13-14 Farmstead and Artisan Cheese Making Workshop at the UI Caldwell Complex Educational Center in Caldwell. Registration for Idaho residents is \$300, \$450 for out-of-state participants and includes a course manual, refreshments and lunches. . Enrollment will be limited to 25 participants. For more information, contact Jeff Kronenberg, 364-4937 (To register, contact Paula Peterman, 364-6188 or paulap@uidaho.ed)
- May 13-Jun 19 “A Stronger You” Classes, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Minidoka County Extension Office. The fee is \$10. (Contact Grace Wittman, 878-9461)
- May 17 District III 4-H Wildlife Day Camp (Waterfowl & Upland game birds), 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Jerome Rod & Gun Club. Registration is \$15, due by May 1. (Contact Cindy Kinder, 934-4417 or Tina Dickard, 324-7578)
- May 21-22 Western Region EDEN (Extension Disaster Education Network) Animal Agrosecurity Conference at the Holiday Inn in Denver CO. Go to [https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/RegionalConfs/W\\_RAAC.pd](https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/RegionalConfs/W_RAAC.pd) for more information.
- May 30-Jun 1 Personal Finance Camp for Teens at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp north of Ketchum.
- May 31 ATV Safety Day Camp, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. This day camp is for youth 8-18 years old. Early bird registration by May 19 is \$15, late registration is \$25. Scholarships are available. The registration fee covers lunch, snacks, all supplies, hat, survival kit, and day insurance. (Contact any Tina Dickard, 324-7578)

## *June 2008*

- Jun 6 Babysitting Class and CPR Training, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Twin Falls Co. Extension Office. The cost is \$25. Lunch is not provided, so please bring a lunch. Participants must be 12 years old. (Contact Rhea Lanting, 734-9590)
- Jun 9-13 Idaho 4-H Teen Conference for youth who have completed the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, in Moscow. (Contact Claudine Zender, [czender@uidaho.edu](mailto:czender@uidaho.edu))

- Jun 10-13 Lost Rivers Grazing Academy, "Intensive Management of Irrigated Pastures," at the Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension & Education Center. The full time fee is \$450 per person, or \$450 for first team member of a ranch/farm team and \$225 per additional team member. The daytime-only fee is \$125 per day or any part. The fees includes continental breakfasts, lunches, suppers, breaks, one set of course materials per ranch, and evening presentations. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is due by June 4. (Contact Chad Cheyney, 527-8587, ccheyney@uidaho.ed; or Scott Jensen, 896-4104, scottj@uidaho.ed)
- Jun 10 Bring your lambs to the District III Lamb Camp, 9:00 a.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$12, due May 30. (Contact Cindy Kinder, 934-4417)
- Jun 13 4-H Dairy Daize Livestock Camp, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$10. (Contact Donna Gillespie, or Jeni Bywater, 436-7184)
- Jun 14 Animal Lab Education Day, for dogs, poultry, dairy, beef, horse, swine, sheep, and rabbit, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Twin Falls Fairgrounds Merchant's Bldg #3. The cost is \$2.50, which includes lunch. (Contact Teresa Tverdy, 734-9590 x 22)
- Jun 16-19 District III 4-H June Summer Camp for youth ages 8 to 13, at the central Idaho 4-H Camp. Early Bird registration (before May 23<sup>rd</sup>) is \$110 for 4-H members, \$120 for non-4-H members; regular registration (by June 6<sup>th</sup>) is \$120 for 4-H members, \$130 for non-members; late registration is \$135 for 4-H members, \$145 for non-members. (Contact the Cassia Co. Extension office, 878-9461; Jerome Co. Extension office, 324-7578; Lincoln Co. Extension office, 886-2406; Minidoka Co. Extension office, 436-7184; Twin Falls Co. Extension office, 734-9590)
- Jun 23-28 Natural Resources Camp for youth 12-14 years old, at the central Idaho 4-H Camp. Applications are available at local Soil Conservation District Offices and UI Extension Offices. Registration is \$175 before May 23, \$195 after that. Scholarships are available through local Soil Conservation Districts. The camp is limited to the first 90 completed applications received by May 23. (Contact Amber Moore, 736-3629, or Bob Josaitis, 934-8481, ext. 111)

## **July 2008**

- Jul 2 "My Heritage, My State," 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. at Stedman's in Raft River. Early bird registration is \$16. (Contact Rosie Davids, 878-9461)
- Jul 7-11 District III 4-H June Summer Camp for youth ages 13-18, at the central Idaho 4-H Camp. Early Bird registration (before June 20<sup>th</sup>) is \$150, late registration (by June 30<sup>th</sup>) is \$170. (Contact the Camas Co. Extension office, 764-2230)
- Jul 15-17 Southern Idaho Livestock Camp, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$75, and is due by June 2. (Contact Cindy Kinder, 934-4417)
- Jul 17 Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Contest, in conjunction with the Livestock Camp. Livestock Camp attendance is not required to participate. The cost is \$25 per team, which includes lunch. Registration is due by July 1. (Contact Cindy Kinder, 934-4417)
- Jul 25-27 Third annual Idaho Military Family Camp sponsored by 4-H Operation Military Kids, at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp north of Ketchum. Idaho's National Guard and Reserve service and family members who have experienced deployment, homecoming or military life, and spouses "who are on their own" with or without children are eligible to attend. The cost is \$35.00 per person (babies are free). The registration deadline is June 1. Experienced teen counselors, both 4-H and/or Military, are needed. (For more information, contact Sue Phillely, 454-6556, or sphilley@uidaho.ed)

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