AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW – SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2016

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show is a 4-H only Stock Show that is held each year in Omaha, Nebraska the last week of September. 4-H members from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming have the opportunity to make entries and exhibit at this show that will be in its 89th year in 2016. While many of you may be familiar with the Stock Show, this message is being shared across Minnesota to make you aware of an opportunity for 4-H members. The Stock Show has a growing scholarship program that distributed nearly $125,000 in scholarship benefits last year to 4-H members in our ten state areas to help further their education. In the past couple of years a number of Minnesota 4-H members have been awarded scholarship dollars to help advance their post-secondary education. In addition to seven livestock shows the schedule also includes several non-livestock competitions including a Quiz Bowl competition, Livestock Judging contests with divisions for 4-H, Junior College and Senior College teams and a Fitting Challenge competition.

For more information on what AKSARBEN has to offer go to www.aksarben.org

MARKET BEEF DNA SUBMISSION DEADLINE

A reminder to market beef families that if you have would like to nominate market beef cattle for the 2016 AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show you need to get your DNA samples pulled and in to your County Extension office by April 15, 2016.

For more information, please contact your 4-H Program Coordinator or email Sharon Davis, Minnesota 4-H AKSARBEN representative, at davis051@umn.edu

4HONLINE IDENTIFICATION OF 4-H COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFERS FOR AKSARBEN

If a 4-H member intends to show a commercial breeding heifer at the AKSARBEN livestock show in Omaha, NE, the commercial breeding heifer must be listed on the 4-H member’s Online ID with the 4-H tag number (required by MN 4-H) AND an individual tattoo number (required by AKSARBEN) which is tattooed into the heifer's ear. When entering this information in 4HOnline, in the "Permanent ID” field, please list the 4-H tag number first, then a back slash, then the tattoo number. For example -- a heifer with a 4-H tag of 45455 and a tattoo of 367 would be entered into the permanent ID field as 45455/367. The tattoo must be in the ear and listed in the 4HOnline for a commercial breeding heifer to be exhibited at AKSARBEN.

If you have any questions, please contact your 4-H Program Coordinator or email Sharon Davis, Minnesota 4-H AKSARBEN representative, at davis051@umn.edu.