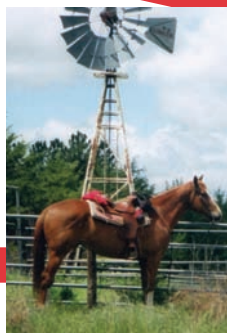


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Welcome to Nebraska Equine News

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The second issue of *Nebraska Equine News* is available at <http://4h.unl.edu/equine/>. This newsletter is geared toward horse enthusiasts, horse association and club members, and 4-H families. A form to sign up to receive e-mail notices for new newsletter postings and timely communications is available on the Web site.

This issue features articles that explain the new electronic resource – eXtension, which has a section dedicated to sharing information about horses. Nebraska is one of the states that contribute educational information to eXtension.

Nebraska Equine News is a joint effort between the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), Extension’s 4-H Youth Development, and the Department of Animal Science, all in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

If you have questions or topics to suggest for future issues, contact Kathy Potthoff at kpotthoff1@unl.edu.

eXtension— A New Electronic Resource

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eXtension, <http://www.extension.org/> is a new information resource for American consumers that is an educational partnership of more than 70 universities. Information is available any time, any place, any format and on any Internet-ready device. eXtension brings credible expertise, reliable answers based upon sound research, a connection to American universities, and solutions for today’s problems with trustworthy information that is dynamic, relevant and timely.

eXtension complements and enhances the community-based Cooperative Extension System of the land-grant universities, a resource you now have at your fingertips.

Horse information available on eXtension includes breeds,

diseases, ethics, exercise and performance, facilities, feeding management, feeds, health, hoof care, management, nutrition, reproduction and breeding, selection and use, and training and behavior, as well as special feature stories.

One featured story is a learning lesson on “How to Body Condition Score Horses.” This educational feature includes online lesson instructions, learning objectives, body condition scoring system, putting the system to work, evaluating body condition and a quiz. Body condition scoring is a time-tested and accepted method to evaluate a horse’s fat cover and the balance between feed intake and the energy burned.

Understanding body condition scores assist owners as they consider nutrient needs according to the use of the horse. The system can be used with all breeds and assigns a score of body condition (1 to 9) with specific areas of the horse to examine for body fat or cover. Body condition measures the balance between food eaten and energy burned by a horse. Body condition can be affected by factors such as feed, weather, parasites performance and others.

Highlights on the Horse eXtension site include Managing your Horse on a Small Acreage, Conditioning Horses for Different Equine Events, Horse Movement and Way of Going, Learn How to Wrap a Horse’s Hock, Parts of the Hoof, and Learn about the Importance of Water for Horses. Online learning lessons include Horse Owner Survival, Understanding Bits for Horses and Understanding Horse Coat Color. Additional sections are available on topics for prospective horse owners when considering horse involvement and ownership. The site also offers a frequently asked question component. People may view the questions and answers that have been asked as well as ask additional questions.

Besides horses, eXtension’s current information offerings cover dairy cattle, entrepreneurship, personal finance, wildlife damage management and imported fire ants. Check back to see what is new!

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