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Welcome to Nebraska Equine News

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We are excited to distribute to you this first issue of *Nebraska Equine News*. This new newsletter is being mailed throughout Nebraska to horse enthusiasts, horse association and club members, and 4-H families.

In the future, this quarterly newsletter will be available only on the World Wide Web at <http://4h.unl.edu/equine/>.

The site includes additional links and horse-related information, as well as a form to sign up to receive e-mail notices for new newsletter postings and timely communications. Check out the Web site for additional links and information.

Nebraska Equine News provides current important educational information to equine audiences.

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.

UNL Equine Science Option Programs

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An interest in horses can translate into an exciting career, and a new UNL animal science option can help students focus on an education in the horse industry leading to that career.

CASNR's new specialized option in Equine Science began at UNL in fall 2006. Exciting classes prepare students in the Equine Science Option to become employable in areas such as:

- equine education
 - breed associations
 - horse farm management
 - equine sales and marketing
 - equine feed sales and manufacturing
 - pharmaceuticals
 - horse training
 - horse breeding

Employers of UNL's Equine Science Option graduates can be confident their employees are well-rounded in knowledge about the horse and animal industries. UNL Equine Science students acquire the most up-to-date information about horses ranging from reproduction, health care and nutrition, to selection and general horse management, enabling them to have a true focus in the horse industry.

The Equine Science Option is similar to the five other UNL animal science options in that it combines a variety of general education courses with the equine-specific courses. These courses provide undergraduate students a balance between basic scientific principles of equine science and opportunities to attain the practical experience needed to have successful careers. More information about the coursework for the Equine Science Option, as well as all other animal science options, can be found at: <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/undergraduate/optionscourses.html>.

UNL's equine-specific courses are:

- **Fundamentals of the Horse Industry** (2 credits) - new
- **Basic Equitation** (2 credits, 4 sections- 1 fall, 3 spring)
- **Advanced Equitation** (2 credits)
- **Principles of Horse Evaluation and Judging** (2 credits)
- **Advanced Horse Evaluation and Judging** (2 credits)
- **Equine Reproduction** (2 credits)
- **Equine Nutrition** (2 credits) - new
- **Horse Industry Study Tour** (2 credits)
- **Horse Management** (3 credits)
- **Horse Management Practicum** (2 credits) - new

UNL students of any major may take Equine Science courses, whether to pursue a career in the horse industry or to improve

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