



## **Canada's largest 4-H Club celebrated members' achievements at the PLP Show Centre**

Sussex, NB – July 20, 2008 – The Sussex Beef 4-H Club, the largest of any club in Canada, held its season-end Achievement Days July 19-20 at the Princess Louise Park Show Centre.

Becky Perry, the Organizational Leader of the group, said, “We have sixty-two kids achieving (graduating) in thirteen different projects.” She went on to explain that, in the fall, each member selects one or more projects to work on for the season. It may be something to do with livestock such as beef or dairy cattle, draft or light horses, or small animals such as sheep, goats, dogs or rabbits. Some choose non-livestock projects such as photography, food or scrapbooking.

With the help of many volunteer project leaders, the young members have the opportunity to develop new skills, make friends and have fun. The annual Achievement Days gives them the chance to demonstrate all that they have learned – about their own projects and the others as well. “It’s been a great year,” said Perry. “We did a lot of interesting things like holding clinics where the kids learned how to judge their own and others’ projects. It will pay off for them when they become young farmers, for example, and know how to select livestock for specific purposes. Many members have been in the club since they were very young children and several of the volunteer judges this weekend are former 4-H members too.”

The members participating in Achievement Days at the Show Centre demonstrated their commitment to the principles of 4-H: Head, Heart, Hands and Health and their motto: To Learn to Do by Doing.

Coming up this week on Thursday evening, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. the Arena at the Show Centre will come to life with music and horses and drill teams from across the Province compete in their musical rides.

Then, on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Dressage New Brunswick is hosting another dressage show – grace, elegance and precision being the hallmarks of the sport.

As usual, admittance is free for terrific family entertainment.

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