

4-H LIVESTOCK CARCASS PROJECT UPDATE



4-H ONLINE:

If your 4-H'er plans to participate in the Livestock Carcass Project this year, you **MUST** also select the Carcass project in 4-H Online. If you have issues adding this project in 4-H Online, please feel free to call the Extension Office at 812-738-4236.

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

Separate carcass project entry forms are **required** and are due by May 15th. Form can be found at the Extension Office or in the handbook.

Only beef market steer, beef market heifer, dairy market steer, sheep weather, sheep market ewe, swine market barrow, swine market gilt, meat goat market weathers, meat goat market doe, pygmy goats, and dairy weathers as a 4-H entry on 4-H online are eligible.

The animals to be entered in the project must be designated on 4-H online by May 15th. Youth may register up to 3 animals per species.

The youth may elect to pay a non-refundable fee of \$15 (per animal) for one or more animals registered.

Fees must be paid by the 4-H member when entries are submitted to the Extension Office by May 15th.

The youth must choose which animal to scan the day of carcass scanning for competition. The youth may scan other animals, but will not be eligible for competition except the animal that is designated.

Members can attend a livestock carcass workshop (date to be determined). If the 4-H member does not attend the workshop they must complete an educational poster and show the poster at the carcass scanning before any animal is scanned.

Example Scenario:

- Example 1: If you have 2 carcass entries for beef and 1 carcass entry for swine and you attend the carcass workshop no posters will need to be completed for the carcass project for either species.
- Example 2: If you have 2 carcass entries for beef and 1 carcass entry for swine and you do not attend the carcass workshop, you will have to do 1 poster that covers both species. If a poster is not completed by the time of carcass scanning, then no scan will be performed.
- Carcass scanning will be placed accordingly to back fat, ribeye area, and quality grading using ultrasound.
- 4-H members who do not attend the educational workshop or complete a poster for each species are not eligible for carcass scanning completion award or for exhibition. The animal must be shown in the 4-H show to be eligible for carcass scanning.

Exhibition animals will be put in the order in which they score, but will not be given a placement number and are not eligible for awards.