

Indiana 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference

Welcome!

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4-H Livestock Policies and Procedures

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4-H Livestock Policies

- **Most policies are associated with showing**
 - Experience in 4-H animal project areas does not always mean showing
- **It is an important part of the process for most**
 - There are 4-H members enrolled in animal projects that do not show their animal
 - They are also learning about animals



Year-round 4-H Experiences

- **Project-based clubs and/or workshops**
 - Swine club, Horse workshop, Livestock club, etc.
- **4-H animal experiences**
 - Judging teams
 - Animal Science Workshop for Youth
 - Animal Biosecurity Workshop



4-H Livestock Policies

- **Designed to frame a 4-H livestock experience**
 - It is about the learning process
- **County fair and state fair are not the focus**
 - Very important part of the learning process
 - Place where 4-H member can show off what they have learned
 - Different from a regular show
 - **The showcase of the 4-H experience**



4-H Livestock Policies

- **Competition is important – Life = Competition**
 - Gives 4-H member a way to measure their growth
 - But the focus must be on the process, not the prize
- **Grand Champion should not be their ultimate goal**
 - Should not peak in the 9th grade, need to continue to progress throughout
 - Livestock is one tool that we use to do this



4-H Livestock Policies

- **State level policies**
 - **Ownership deadlines**
 - **ID requirements**
 - **Exhibition policy**
 - **Substitute showman policy**
 - **State fair grooming rule**
- **Recognize that counties may do it differently – and that is okay**



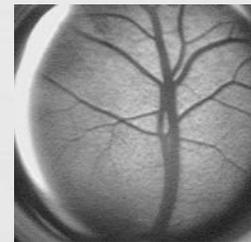
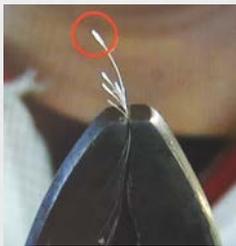
Ownership Deadlines

- Set parameters for the program year
- Teaches meeting deadlines, attention to detail
- Ensures they have time to learn with the animal
- This is not just a show
 - It is about the experience between the ownership deadline and the show



ID Requirements

- Teaches 4-H members they are apart of a larger livestock industry in which individual animal ID and traceability are important
- Proves that a given animal is a 4-H member's project animal



Exhibition Policy

- A 4-H member's animal is their project
- If someone else shows it, it is not their project anymore
 - It is not about the animal – it is about the 4-H member



Substitute Showman Policy

- The goal is for the 4-H member to show off what they have learned
 - Not to just have their animal shown



State Fair Grooming Rule

- It is about the learning of the 4-H member
 - If someone else does the work, what is the 4-H member learning?
- There does need to be people to assist but it is important to not do it for them
 - Family
 - Other 4-H members
 - 4-H leaders



If you have questions...

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