



# Hay

## Description:

The 4-H Hay project provides youth with educational information about showing expenses, estimated yields, and total crop value.

## Decatur County Expectations

**THIS IS A COUNTY ONLY PROJECT.** Project manuals will need to be presented at the time of judging. Green books can be utilized to hold record sheets and project manuals.

## Exhibit Guidelines

Youth will exhibit either Grass Hay and/or Legume Hay. Each member will keep a record of all the work done on their project showings expenses, estimated yield, and total crop value. The office will provide the crops record sheet. All exhibits will be judged together within a division. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded on the quality of the exhibit as determined by the judge. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen in each division at the discretion of the judge. From the Champions, a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected.

## Exhibit Class Guidelines:

### *Beginner (grades 3-5)*

Youth will grow no less than one acre of hay. Each member will answer questions on their project experiences while also completing the crops record sheet. Youth will exhibit one section from a bale of hay in a plastic see-through bag, with the following labels: Date Planted, Variety, Fertilizer Used, Harvest Dates.

### *Intermediate (grades 6-8)*

Youth will grow no less than one acre of hay; however, youth may increase acreage as/if conditions justify. Each member will have the soil tested and follow fertilization recommendations along with completing the crops record sheet. Youth will exhibit one section from a bale of hay in a plastic see-through bag, with the following labels: Date Planted, Variety, Fertilizer Used, Harvest Dates.

## *Advanced (grades 9-12)*

Youth will grow no less than one acre of hay; however, youth may increase acreage as/if conditions justify. Each member will have the soil tested and follow fertilization recommendations along with completing the crops record sheet. Youth will exhibit one section from a bale of hay in a plastic see-through bag, with the following labels: Date Planted, Variety, Fertilizer Used, Harvest Dates.