



Baker County 4-H Livestock Project Commitment

PURPOSE:

1. To support a first-hand experience in production agriculture with a focus on livestock animals.
2. To further the interest and education of youth and their families in raising of livestock animals.
3. Support life skill development (record keeping, reporting, management, responsibility, etc.).
4. Engage youth in reaching animal industry standards by employing effective management practices.
5. Help youth understand marketing and profitability through project work.

GENERAL RULES:

4-H Members eligible for participation must:

1. Be enrolled by May 31st of the given 4-H year, who are between ages 5-7 for small animals, and ages 8-18 for large animals (on or before 9/1 the year PRIOR to the fair). Members transferring from another 4-H county, will, upon proof of enrollment and meeting attendance at their prior club, be eligible for participation.
2. Enroll in the 4-H specific animal project to show in the fair. ***This is not limited to club membership.***
3. Meet the following achievement criteria for the project year in their individual clubs or they will not be allowed to show/sell the following year:
 - Market Animals: Fair record book completion. Due Monday of the Baker County Fair at Fairgrounds.
 - 4-H animal specific project book completion. Due with Clover Points.
 - Minimum Clover Point Standards (15 points) **met and turned in the first Monday of September.** (Points tabulated from beginning of 4-H year, September 1-August 31).
 - Attend 75% of (you decide which is to be home club) meetings April through September.
 - Attendance at mandatory clinics/meetings. Notice of these will be given at the orientation meeting.
 - Market Animals: Thank-you letters mailed out prior to December 31st following the fair.
4. Attend Mandatory Parent/Exhibitor Livestock meeting conducted by the 4-H Office in April AND the Fair Association's Livestock Committee. This meeting will be held on the date determined by the Fair Livestock Committee. As well as the Pre-Fair Planning meeting in August.
5. **Re-enroll for the 4-H year (begins September 1st) to show their project at the fair.**

Livestock animal eligibility information is available from the fair book/rules.

Youth eligibility to show will be discussed in August at the Pre-Fair Planning Meeting.

Expectations of 4-H Members:

- Youth with market animals are encouraged to solicit a **minimum of 3 potential bidders per individual or 7 different potential bidders per family of 3 or more youth** for the sale.
- Youth will be expected to keep management records of their project.
- Be a cooperative team member.
- Follow 4-H Code of Conduct to the best of their abilities.
- **It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to make sure he/she knows the meeting dates/times.**

Expectations of parents/guardians and members:

- Honor and respect decisions made by the Fair Board and 4-H Staff/Faculty.
- Assist at weigh-ins and shows as needed by the Fair Board/4-H Staff/Faculty.
- Provide youth with age-appropriate assistance for project work, while honoring that the project is primarily the responsibility of the 4-H member.
- Support members and volunteers at project meetings/trainings.

****REMEMBER****

Three meetings will require attendance by an adult and the youth member. They are: The Orientation Meeting which is when you sign-up for the livestock project, the Fair Association Parent/Exhibitor meeting, and the Pre-Fair Planning Meeting in August.

Please be advised that the orientation meeting is mandatory.
If you do not attend, you cannot participate in the project.

LIVESTOCK ANIMAL ORIENTATION MEETING

Thursday, April 7th, 2016, 6:30pm-7:30pm
UF/IFAS Extension Baker County Office's Auditorium
1025 W. Macclenny Ave. Macclenny, FL 32063

REGISTRATION DEADLINE & COMMITMENT FORMS DUE

Members must be registered for their project & their home club through 4-H Online, and have their commitment forms into the 4-H office by May 31st, 2016 at 5:00pm.

I have read and understand the requirements of this commitment to participate in the Baker County 4-H Market Livestock program. I make the commitment to follow those requirements.

I understand that if I do not meet the requirements, I will not be eligible to show/sell a market animal in the Baker County Fair the following year.

Please circle animal(s) showing: Beef Steer Swine Poultry Pullet Rabbit Goat Horse

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(4-H Member)

Print Name: _____

I have reviewed this intent form and agree to support my child in pursuit of the Baker County 4-H Livestock Program.

It is my responsibility to ensure that my child meets the minimum requirements.

I understand that if my child does not meet the requirements, he/she will not be eligible to show/sell a market animal in the Baker County Fair the following year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

Please keep this document to reference requirements as needed.