

2010 Livestock Programs

4-H livestock programs and projects have a long history in Kentucky. These livestock activities provide youth with opportunities to learn about livestock and develop the life skills that are needed to be positive contributors to society. Through livestock programs and projects youth learn about livestock selection and evaluation, nutrition and feeding, health and daily care, reproduction, marketing, and much more. In addition, youth learn the importance of hard work and responsibility, and also develop important life skills such as critical thinking, decision-making, and communication.

Youth involvement in 4-H livestock programs also nurtures relationships, by allowing parents and other caring adults to be a part of a young person's life. Positive family communication is generated as youth seek the advice and counsel of adults' experiences. This not only encourages parents to be a vital part of the 4-H program, but often sparks more parental support in schools and other activities.

Livestock programs and projects also begin preparing youth for a wide variety of careers that are available to those with interest in livestock. Although many only think of the actual production of livestock as a livestock career, there are hundreds of other livestock-related careers available. These include careers in the fields of livestock specialists, sales, feeds, animal health products, feedlot operators, environmental specialists, market reporting, animal research, teaching, and many others.

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Beef	Dairy	Horse	Sheep	Swine	Goats
Dis Beef Shows	Dis Dairy Shows	Loan Lease Form	Dis Sheep Shows	Dis Swine Shows	Dis Goat Shows
Dis Preview 4/10	Kow-A-Rama 4/1-2 KY Cow Camp 4/24	Dis Camp 4\23-25 Dis Judging 4/13 Dis Show 5/22-23 St Contest 6/10-11 St Show 7/3-10			

All or Almost All Species

Livestock Validation Sites and Program Rules Washington Co Livestock Judging, Mar 13 Junior Livestock Expo Show (TBA) Kentucky Dept of Ag Show Calendar Cumberland Co Judging, Skill-a-thon, Quiz Bowl, Apr 10 State 4-H Meats Judging Apr 30, Lexington State 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon, May 1 Local County Fair Livestock Shows State 4-H Livestock Judging, Jun 22 State Fair Aug 19-29, Livestock Entry due Jul 10 North American International Livestock Expo Nov 6-19 Livestock Leader Certification, Fall or Winter	Miscellaneous details... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For organized livestock events to occur, a volunteer leader must be identified who is willing to help coordinate the activities. Participation in any market animal category requires at least six hours of 4-H Project instruction before showing is allowed. Livestock must be registered in youth's name or they must have a completed loan/lease form if available. Livestock clubs require a minimum of \$5 per 4-H member dues which provides limited insurance coverage. Dues are required before a youth can participate in the first event. Specie specific clubs may have higher dues depending on their needs. All club leaders and parents active in the clubs must complete Extension Youth Protection requirements. The minimum age for livestock projects is nine as of January 1 of the current year.
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Hyperlinked documents above are available from the www.greencounty4-h.org.

Dogs

The two major state events which make up the dog program are State 4-H Dog Camp and the State 4-H Dog Show. State 4-H Dog Camp usually takes place in May at the J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp. The State 4-H Dog Show takes place in Louisville on the State Fairgrounds in August (Saturday and Sunday before St. Fair opens).

The objectives of the dog program are as follows:

- Learn about major dog breeds and be able to identify their characteristics
- Study the responsibilities of dog ownership
- Demonstrate dog care and management, feeding, care, handling, and grooming
- Keep record of all costs and management practices
- Learn and follow dog health regulations, including first aid and simple treatments for ailments not requiring veterinary attention
- Train dogs to follow simple commands
- Understand the role of scientific research in dog husbandry
- Develop sportsmanship, cooperation, decision-making ability, and public speaking skills through participation in demonstrations, tours, judging, and/or exhibits
- Practice leadership skills and roles, take part in community affairs, and demonstrate citizenship responsibilities
- Explore career, job and productive leisure opportunities

Dog Camp – May 14-16 at Camp Feltner (near London)

At least one adult must attend with campers from our county.

Registration fee: \$70 per camper or adult and due April 23; offsite registration also available

[More Dog Details](#)

Rabbits

Showing and rabbit clubs are an option. There is minimal support provided from the state for this project, but we can possibly find contacts in surrounding counties who have the program. Larue County has an active rabbit club and rabbit show.