

KENTUCKY 4-H PROJECT OVERVIEW

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT



Image: National 4-H Council

Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Are you Into It?

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Participate in a 4-H animal or food science project!

- Projects and activities are offered in the areas of beef cattle, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry, equine, rabbits, and food science.
- Participate in a youth livestock project.
- Demonstrate communication skills by preparing and giving oral reasons.
- Learn food safety and cooking skills.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Learn about livestock nutrition, feeding, health, and daily care.
- Identify breeds.
- Select, care for, and train your animal.
- Learn horsemanship skills.
- Learn how to show your animal.
- Identify cuts of meat.
- Show your animal at a county, district, and/or state fair.
- Candle eggs.

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Research common parasites and treatment.
- Learn about livestock evaluation.
- Prepare and give oral reasons.
- Demonstrate how to properly groom an animal for show.
- Learn how to properly use, store, and administer medications.
- Demonstrate proper food safety procedures.

Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Learn about livestock reproduction.
- Select breeding animals.
- Research the clinical signs and treatment of livestock diseases.
- Calculate feed rations.
- Research different housing systems.
- Develop questions and hold a quiz bowl.
- Demonstrate how to properly barbeque a chicken.

Communication

- Demonstrate proper safety techniques when handling a horse to younger 4-Hers.
- Write an article for the local newspaper on how to properly care for an animal.

Citizenship

- Organize and lead an agriculture field day event for a Cloverbud Club.
- Volunteer to assist at a local livestock show or event.

Leadership

- Teach a class on how to cure a country ham.
- Mentor a younger 4-Her on how to prepare and give oral reasons.
- Present at Teen Conference.

4-H is a community of young people who are learning **leadership** **citizenship** and **life skills**.

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.

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Take Animal Science Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore agriculture:

- Enter to show an animal in the county or state fair.
- Participate in meats, livestock, horse, poultry, or dairy judging.
- Give a 4-H speech or demonstration on a topic related to animal science.
- Participate in the 4-H Country Ham Project.
- Attend 4-H Dairy Cow Camp.
- Compete at a 4-H Skillathon Contest.
- Participate in the 4-H Horse Competition, such as the State 4-H Hippology Contest or the State 4-H Horse Bowl.
- Compete in the 4-H Egg Preparation Demonstration Contest.
- Job shadow a veterinarian or farrier.
- Attend a livestock sale.
- Tour a meat processing facility.
- Schedule a visit with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. Website: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/>

Exhibit Ideas

- Create a poster showing the costs associated with purchasing, caring for, and showing an animal.
- Develop a video demonstrating how to properly groom an animal for show.
- Prepare an exhibit showcasing the various equipment needed to care for your animal.
- Create a poster showing the body parts of your animal.
- Develop a display featuring different cuts of meat and how to properly prepare each one.
- Create a poster that includes important animal and food science terminology.

Resources

4-H Resources		Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschool Agriculture – Acres of Adventure • Kentucky Farm 2 School • Project Food, Land, and People • Beef Resource Handbook • Beef, Sheep, Swine Selection Evaluation • Dairy Resource Handbook • 4-H Dairy Cattle Curriculum • Goat Resource Handbook • Horse Achievement Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 • Horse Safety Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky Livestock and Horse Volunteer Certification Manual • Egg Preparation Demonstration • Kentucky 4-H Chicken and Turkey Barbeque Project • Kentucky 4-H Poultry Barbeque Contests • National Avian Bowl Manual • Poultry Resource Handbook • 4-H Rabbit Curriculum • Sheep Resource Handbook • Swine Resource Handbook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Horse Project Record • Beef Project and Record Book • Dairy Cow Project and Record Book • Dairy Heifer Project and Record Book • Goat Project and Record Book • ChickQuest Logbook • Poultry Project and Record Book • Market Lamb Project and Record Book • Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book • Market Hog Project and Record Book • Swine Breeding Project and Record Book

