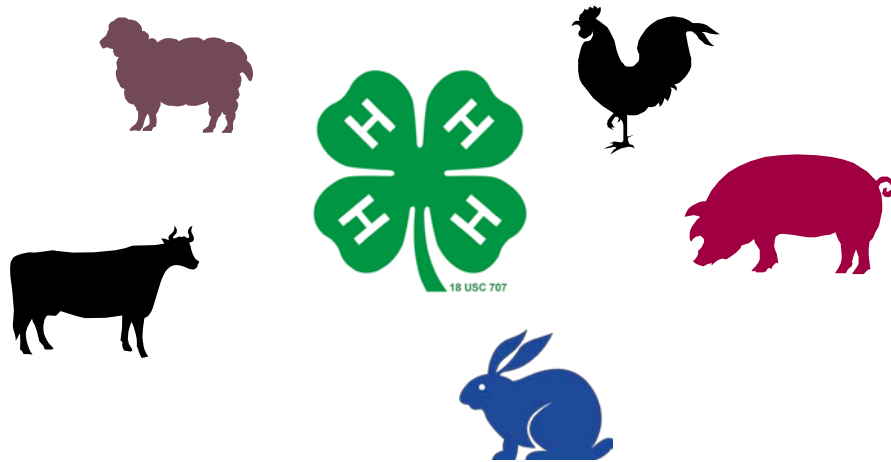


Lincoln County 4-H Animal Science Greenbook



Statement of Purpose and Perspective

It is the purpose of this “Lincoln County 4-H Animal Greenbook” to:

- A) Set forth clarifications and specify local county rules,
- B) Be used as a guide in understanding requirements for any county 4-H animal science events, and
- C) To define the rules of sportsmanship, herdsmanship, animal auction eligibility/participation and conduct expected of 4-H members as they participate in the county 4-H program.

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**OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT**

The well-being of all 4-H program participants is important. Everyone has responsibilities.

4-H is a positive youth development program. Therefore, when I participate in 4-H programs and events, I agree to . . .

1. Engage fully with a positive attitude and creative energy.
2. Be courteous to others, even if they're different from me.
3. Be cooperative. Encourage individuals. Help others. Support teamwork.
4. Be willing to ask an adult for guidance to make good decisions and take appropriate actions.
5. Use language that is respectful to others. (Swearing, harassment, and bullying are not allowed.)
6. Take care of the property I interact with, and assume responsibility for purposeful damage I may cause.
7. Wear appropriate clothing for program activity(s). Follow the specific dress code, if provided.
8. Be present and on time for all parts of the program. (I will notify the appropriate supervisor if I have a health or schedule problem.)
9. Use technology (ipods, mp3 players, game devices, cell phones, etc.) during free time, or in ways that contribute to the goals of the program.
10. Treat animals humanely and provide them appropriate care.
11. Not engage in Personal Displays of Affection (PDA). (It is distracting and inappropriate.)
12. Refrain from use of tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, or illicit drugs, or be under their influence while participating.
13. Follow safety policies of the Oregon State University Extension Service, and guidelines of the 4-H Youth Development Program, (such as: not leave the program area without permission from the program supervisor; be in assigned lodging during overnight activities; abide by curfew hours; remain in gender specific areas [no boy in a girl's room / no girl in a boy's room]; handle firearms only in secured, designated areas under the direct supervision of a trained 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer; not use fireworks), as well as safety policies established for a specific event.

I have read and agree to the above Code of Conduct. I understand that if I violate any part of this agreement, I may be sent home from a 4-H activity at the expense of my parent(s) or guardian(s). I also understand that if I cause personal or public safety concerns, I may lose my eligibility to participate in some future 4-H Youth Development events, and/or, lose my membership privileges.

_____ Date _____ Date _____
Member Signature *Parent/Guardian Signature*

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I. GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ALL 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENTS

All leaders, superintendents and the county agent have the responsibility to enforce the rules, regulations and safety guidelines as stated in this *Greenbook*, the 4-H Fair rules and general 4-H Youth Code of Conduct (see page 3).

A. CODE OF CONDUCT:

All 4-H animal science events will be governed by the general 4-H Youth Code of Conduct.

4-H members are expected to be respectful and courteous at all times toward all adults and other 4-H members, irrespective of club association. Disrespect shown to any leader, parent, show or clinic official, clerk, or spectator may result in forfeiture of county participation and/or State eligibility. Disrespect may include, but is not limited to, swearing, yelling, inappropriate hand gestures, temper displays and/or insubordination.

B. ANIMAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:

All animals should have their immunizations up to date. Animals may receive a clinical examination upon arrival at any 4-H animal science event, and any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious diseases, transmissible vermin, parasites, or painful unsoundness may not be exhibited.

Mistreatment or overly aggressive behavior will not be tolerated at any 4-H event, at any time. Mistreatment or aggressive behavior will be described as any discipline or training done to an excessive degree and/or delivered in anger. Violations may result in forfeiture of county participation and/or disciplinary action.

C. VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS:

Leaders, parents and interested citizens are encouraged and welcomed to participate and assist at all 4-H animal events. Indeed, without the help and support of these adults, the 4-H program would be extremely limited. However, to avoid unnecessary criticism or possible unfairness, certain guidelines shall be in effect regarding all volunteers:

1. No parent shall clerk in the class division in which their child is competing.
2. No parent or leader shall, at any time during any animal science competition, discuss any exhibitor's performance with the judge.
3. Conversation between clerks and/or timekeepers and the judge(s) shall be kept to a minimum during activities.
4. No coaching or instructing from parents, leaders or spectators during any judged showmanship contest.

D. VARIANCE PROCESS

If a 4-H member believes that they have a situation justifiable of special allowances they may have the opportunity to appeal to the Animal Science Committee. The Committee is made up of appointed members from different project areas, including adults and youth. The committee will make a recommendation based on information presented to them and what is in the best interest for the 4-H member, their parent(s)/guardian(s) and the 4-H program as a whole.

The process to submit for a special allowance is:

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1. Submit the issue in writing to the 4-H agent. This statement should include all important facts and information related to the situation. It should also include what the 4-Her feels the solution to be.
2. The Agent will determine if it's an issue appropriate for review.
3. If the concern is an Animal Science Committee issue, the staff member will assemble the members for a meeting and notify all those involved.
4. The 4-H'er, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) and the club leader should try to be present at the meeting.
5. The committee will ask questions to all involved. Those who are involved will leave the meeting. The committee will discuss the issue, do further research if necessary and come to a conclusion on the matter.
6. The committee makes a recommendation to 4-H Agent. **The 4-H Agent's decision is final.**
7. The 4-H agent will notify the 4-Her as soon as a decision is made.

II. SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS

A. GENERAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES FOR ALL 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

1. Livestock, poultry & waterfowl, pigeon, small animal, and pocket pet exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship contests relating to their exhibits. Showmanship placements will be determined by the judge.
2. A 4-H member may enter only one showmanship contest for each kind of livestock/animal project.
3. Contestants must show their own animals which are entered in a 4-H Conformation Class at the show. Animals may be "borrowed" for showmanship contest, if there is a valid lease agreement in place. 4-H youth may assist in showing another youth's confirmation animal with the permission of the judge, superintendent, leader, or agent.
4. 4-H members are expected to do their own fitting and training for the show. Junior contestants may have assistance by other 4-Hers, but should do part of the work themselves.
5. Judges may ask questions about the member's animal or about fitting and showing.
6. Anyone being coached from the sideline during showmanship can be disqualified by either the judge, 4-H Superintendent and/or Extension Agent.
7. Closed-toe shoes must be worn during all animal science showmanship classes and at all times when the exhibitor is working with or around animals. Boots are recommended when working around animals in wet or sloppy conditions.
8. Except when being shown, animals should be confined securely in cages or pens, not tied to stalls. Exception: cattle will be haltered and tied securely within the confines of their designated area.
9. Unruly animals that may pose a safety hazard to other 4-H'ers and/or spectators may be excused from a class or from the event entirely, unless brought under control.

10. No horned animals may be exhibited in 4-H as stated in the Animal Science Exhibit Requirements Rule #10 for the Oregon State 4-H Fair. That requirement reads as follows:

Only polled or dehorned animals will be allowed except in meat goat classes and other appropriate breeds or species. Horned animals will be allowed only if dehorning is detrimental to their herd for show or breed standard purposes AND their horns have been tipped or capped. Animals with capped horns are allowed.

B. MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

Three Master Showmanship events will be held - one for each age level. Each age level for each animal class will have a Champion Showman to represent that species in Round Robin. In the event a single youth is champion of more than one class, the youth can decide which animal they chose to participate with in the Master Showmanship event. The Reserve Champion(s), or other designee of the other species will act as participants (not competitors) using their animals to represent those species in the competition. Only Champions will compete in the Master Showmanship competition. If the Reserve Champion opts not to participate, or no youth qualifies with a particular animal, the Barn Superintendent will select a substitute animal and youth handler to participate (not compete) in the Master Showmanship event. Novice members do not qualify for Round Robin. Anyone being coached from the sidelines can be disqualified by the judge, the 4-H Superintendent and/or Extension Agent.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY FAIR

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT MEMBERS.

1. Members must be enrolled prior to participation in 4-H Club activities/events.
2. Members must be enrolled in 4-H and have paid their insurance by February 15.
3. Members must meet all club participation standards established by the club leader.
4. Members must own the animal they are going to exhibit at the fair for a minimum of 60 days prior to fair. Exception: Market chickens and market rabbits, which are 45 days.
5. Members may lease an animal to show at fair. A signed lease (SAMPLE form is available at the Extension Office) must be on file with the Extension Office at least 60 days before County Fair.
6. A 4-H project animal may be owned by a member of the immediate family. The member or family must have possession of the animal at least 60 days before County Fair (exception: Market chickens and market rabbits, which are 45 days), and the animal must remain in their possession through the end of County Fair. If a member is chosen for the State Fair competition, the animal must continue to remain in the member's possession through the completion of State Fair.
7. For any change of animal(s) after the 60-day . (exception: Market chickens and market rabbits, which are 45 days), deadline due to injury, illness or death see the Variance Process.
8. Class divisions at County Fair will be as follows: Junior (grades 4, 5, 6); Intermediates (grades 7, 8, 9); Senior (grades 10, 11, 12). Grade is determined as of October 1 of the current year. 4-H Cloverbuds (Grades K-3) are not eligible for individual competition at any 4-H event.

9. ALL County Fair exhibitors MUST enter and be judged in their appropriate Showmanship class to participate in conformation classes and/or the livestock auction and/or qualify for State Fair with their project animal.
10. All animal exhibitors MUST attend all barn meetings, as per the Fair schedule, unless excused by the barn superintendent. Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.
11. Leaders and parents are required to serve at least one supervisory shift of barn duty each day during County Fair. The purpose of the Barn Duty is to act as an ambassador for the 4-H public and interact and inform the public of what is involved in the 4-H Animal Science project area - it is not the same as the time spent in the barn caring for your own animal(s). Members must check in for duty. In the event they are not able to serve a scheduled shift, they must get leader or superintendent approval to have another member help them. Members are responsible for finding a replacement. If a member does not take part in barn duty the barn superintendent and/or agent will determine if they will be eligible for other fair activities.
12. It is required that leaders, parents, and members who wish to participate in the livestock fair attend a minimum of 3 Animal Science meetings. Market Class members are required to make additional Market Animal Subcommittee meetings as necessary..
13. 4-H'ers and their parents are responsible to help set up the barn prior to fair on set up days determined by the Animal Science Committee and Agent. 4-H'ers and their parents are responsible for the timely removal of their animals, pen/cage takedown & cleanup following fair.
14. All exhibitors showing market steers need to fill out and turn in an E-slip prior to the market steer being loaded out after the auction. Seller (youth) is responsible for any fees associated with the E-slip.
15. Anyone participating in market animal project is required to attend the Salesmanship Clinic held prior to County Fair.
16. It is required that any member participating in County or State Fair must complete the 4-H "My Resume" and appropriate Project Records and have them checked at Record Book Check prior to County Fair.
17. JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

IV. COUNTY FAIR CLASS AND CONTEST INFORMATION

1. Entry forms for exhibits at fair need to be submitted by the due date listed in the 4-H Calendar. Leaders should assist their members with filling out the form so it is done properly.
2. Some classes in the Fairbook are listed as "County Only". These classes are not eligible for State Fair.

V. SPECIFIC RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

For additional specific rules, please refer to the "4-H Fair Exhibitor's Guide" for the current year.

1. Stalls and barn aisles must be kept clear of pitchforks, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows or other dangerous objects. Please use courtesy when sharing the barn equipment, and replace all tools promptly.
2. All animals exhibited in 4-H classes must be kept in the barn, except for grooming and showing times, or 4-H parade around the fairgrounds. Animals may not be carried around the barn freely. They may be just outside the cage or at the designated petting area for educating the public as determined by the barn superintendent.
3. Do not borrow or use another 4-H member's tack or equipment without permission.
4. Each exhibitor is expected to care for their animal while in the barn. The member shall provide all necessary feed and supplies, feeders, and buckets. If you need help please arrange with another member and notify a leader or superintendent.
5. No parking is permitted on the fairgrounds during fair. This is a rule of the Fire Marshall.
6. No smoking on any fairgrounds property.
7. No dogs allowed in barns, arena or other animal areas with the exception of service dogs or without 4-H approval
8. All barn decorations must be fire retardant and placed in a manner so that animals won't eat them.
9. Exhibitors who are planning to camp out at fair in trailers or tents should make arrangements directly with the Extension Office.
10. Only 4-H Livestock allowed in the 4-H Barn except as approved by 4-H Agent.
11. Class changes must be made before judging begins.
12. All animals exhibited at the show are to be available to be used in 4-H judging contests if needed.
13. Non-Registered animals may be shown in 4-H classes. They shall be entered in the breed class.
14. Crossbred animals may be shown in 4-H Crossbred classes.
15. Crossbred classes are not intended for entry of purebred animals not meeting breed standards.
16. All cattle must be double-tied with both a neck rope and a halter. Pens should be used if possible for public safety.
17. Any cattle female entering the fair must be vaccinated against Brucellosis in a manner approved by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
18. Dairy cattle must be vaccinated between the ages of 4-8 months; beef cattle, 4-10 months. A veterinarian's recommendation should be followed.
19. Sheep and goats must have Scrapie ID tags.
20. All animals are subject to inspection by a veterinarian. No animal shall be allowed to remain on the grounds that shows evidence of any parasites, infectious or contagious disease.
21. If an animal in the ring cannot be controlled by the 4-H member and endangers other animals in

the show ring, they should be excused by the judge/superintendent from the ring. The animal may not be placed and may be required to be removed from the fairgrounds.

22. If the barn superintendent and/or extension agent considered an animal a safety hazard to members and/or spectators they must be removed from fair.
23. Carry cages are highly recommended for the transport of all birds and small animals.
24. Only the exhibitor may remove animals from pens and cages, unless the exhibitor is not available or an emergency exists requiring immediate medical attention of the animal. In that case, either the barn superintendent or attending veterinarian may remove the animal.
25. Feeding and cost portion of the Feed and Growth Record for 4-H Market Animals needs to be completed and turned into judges of market conformation classes in order to be eligible for market classes or auction. This form will be returned to the exhibitor at the completion of judging and should be entered into the exhibitor's Record Book.
26. Due to concerns about communicable disease, small animals (chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and rabbits) may not be exhibited in open class (if open class is offered at County Fair).
27. Cloverbuds may have their small animals at fair. They will care for them and participate in the Cloverbud show-and-tell. Their animals must be registered and checked-in including required vet check.. If they choose to take their animals home after showing, they may do so but the animals are not allowed to return.

VI. SPECIAL AWARDS AT LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

A) HERDSMANSHIP

4-H Herdsmanship encourages 4-H members to make a presentable exhibit for the public and helps develop teamwork, cooperation, and pride. It involves courtesy, cooperation, neatness, safety, and proper care of animals. Leaders and parents are encouraged to give guidance, but members must do their own work. All materials used in decorations must be fire retardant.

B) SPORTSMANSHIP

Developing excellent sportsmanship is one of the key components of the 4-H program. During the County Fair, those exhibitors demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship will be presented with sportsmanship awards.

Everyone present in the barn is eligible to nominate 4-H'ers for sportsmanship. Any 4-H member receiving votes will receive a sportsmanship award. 4-H'ers who demonstrates outstanding and consistent sportsmanship every day during fair will be nominated for an overall fair sportsmanship award.

VII. ADDITIONAL STATE FAIR / STATE EVENTS REQUIREMENTS

1. **PLEASE NOTE:** All 4-H members chosen to represent Lincoln County at State Events/State Fair must notify the extension office two weeks prior to State Fair if they are unable to participate.

VIII. 4-H MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION

Sponsored by the partner organization responsible for the Lincoln County 4-H livestock auction

Objectives:

1. Provide an outlet for market animals raised as 4-H projects.
2. Expose 4-H members to one marketing process.
3. Be an opportunity for Lincoln County citizens to interact with a youth program.
4. Encourage 4-H members to become more aware of good management practices and economical production techniques in a livestock enterprise.
5. Provide an opportunity for recognition of the efforts expended by 4-H members in connection with their livestock projects.
6. Be a way for the public to learn more about the livestock industry in general.

AUCTION GUIDELINES

1. All animals in the market animal program must be weighed and ear tagged prior to the Fair, as follows (market poultry and rabbits will not be weighed until the fair):
 - Beef - 120 days
 - Sheep, Swine and Market Goats - 60 days
2. The following rates of gain are required from weigh-in to fair: beef – 2.00 lbs minimum average daily gain; lambs – 25 lbs minimum total gain; swine – 1.50 lbs minimum average daily gain.
3. Animals must be owned by, and in possession of, the member at the time of weighing and tagged. Animals must be castrated by the time of weigh-in. Steers must also be dehorned.
4. The official sale weight of all animals will be taken during animal move-in. Animals will be weighed one time only. Whatever the scale reads is the weight that will determine eligibility. Brand and transportation certificates must be presented at this time. Steers only: brand inspection certificates or e-slip must be presented at this time.
5. No un-castrated or stag animals will be allowed to be sold at the auction.
6. All animals must meet weight guidelines as follows to sell through the auction (also listed in the current year Fairbook):

Beef	1000 lbs. - suggested maximum 1350
Sheep	100-190 lbs.
Hogs	220-300 lbs.
Goats	60-120 lbs.
Turkey -toms	16-25 lbs (18-20 weeks old)
Turkey -hens	12-18 lbs (18-20 weeks old)
Broiler/Fryer chickens - pen of 3 (under 8 weeks)	4-6 lbs each
Roaster chickens - pen of 3 (8-16 weeks)	over 6 lbs each
Rabbit Fryer (under 69 days)	3½ -5 pounds
Rabbit Fryers – pen of 3 (under 69 days)	3½ -5 lbs each
Rabbit Roaster (69-90 days)	5-7½ lbs each
Rabbit Roasters – pen of 3 (69-90 days)	5-7½ lbs each
Geese - (not over 6 months of age)	11-15 lbs
Ducks - (pen of 2 - not over 8 weeks for non-muscovy breeds; not over 6 months for muscovy breeds)	5 lbs and over

7. All animals meeting the weight requirements will be evaluated by a qualified judge who will estimate if beef will grade prime, choice or select; if sheep will grade prime or choice; if hogs will grade US 1 or 2.
8. The animals meeting the above estimated carcass grades will be eligible for the sale. No white ribbon or standard animals will be offered for sale.
9. Market lambs must have lamb's teeth and carry no more than 1/2 inch of wool at the time of auction. Tails must be docked in accordance with 4-H policies.
10. Each member can weigh in 4 turkeys at fair (2 toms and 2 hens). There will be a final weigh-in to see if they made their target weight.
11. Market chickens must be sold in (broiler or fryer) pen of three and exhibited in that class.
12. Each member may weigh-in 4 fryers and choose 3 of them for one market pen or can weigh-in 8 fryers and choose 6 of them for two market pens. Only one pen would be allowed to auction.
13. Members in market rabbit class must enter a "meat rabbit" breed, such as Californians, Satins, Rex, New Zealand's, etc. No small rabbit breeds will be accepted.
14. Sale order will be determined by show ring placing. At the judge's discretion the market animal classes may need to be divided into two or more classes. The top individuals will then be brought back for consideration as champion and reserve. In the case of two or more classes, the sale order will be determined by the champion and reserve followed by a zig-zag sale order from the separate classes.
15. Each 4-H member is limited to one sale per species with a maximum of three sales. (2 large and 1 small or 2 small and 1 large)

16. All exhibitors will dress for auction as they should appear in showmanship classes and groomed for showmanship judging.
17. This is a non-terminal auction.
18. A transportation waiver will be required for all animals going to slaughter. If unwilling to sign, then the individual will be responsible for providing transport to slaughter.
19. Consignment of livestock will be to the partner organization responsible for the Lincoln County 4-H livestock auction and a maximum 6% sales commission will be deducted from the sale price to offset the cost of conducting the sale. Payment will be required at the conclusion of the sale.
20. If the animal is condemned in the slaughter process (because of disease, use of medication, infection, etc.) it is the seller's (4-H member's) responsibility to absorb the loss.
21. Artificial coloring of any animal or any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals such as lifting or filling under the skin will be considered as fraud and deception. All animals giving evidence of such treatment before or after slaughter will result in the owner being barred from future shows and all awards and sale proceeds being withheld from current show.
22. All bids will be taken by the pound, except for poultry, waterfowl, and rabbits, which are sold by the pen.
23. Auctioneer's sale ticket is the official and final price of the animal sold. Transfer of ownership of market animals takes place at the time of sale when auctioneer cry's, "Sold". However, members retain responsibility of care and feeding of animals until they are transported to slaughter.
24. Animals are offered for sale with no guarantee that there will be a buyer for every animal.
25. All members and parents participating in market must help with all market activities. Activities may include auction meeting, ring help, clerking, buyers dinner, and any other activities involved. Other 4-H members may be asked to help if they can and do barn duty during auction time.
26. Have fun at the Lincoln County Fair.