

Kenton County 4-H Animal Projects



Why Raise an animal?



- Raising an animal as a livestock project is a valuable experience for youth members.
- Educational projects are the foundation of youth programs which teach new agricultural practices and sound business principles.
- 4-H projects allow young people to gain valuable work experience and apply new skills.

What do I gain from the experience?

- When you participate with an animal in 4-H projects, you are exhibiting prize livestock you learned to raise.
- Parents, you can help and at the same time, have top quality meat at a reasonable price.
- Project animals do not have to be sold. They can become parent animals to increase the herd.



4-H Member responsibilities

What do I do?

- Complete & turn in enrollment form. Make sure email is current
- Sign up online for livestock education hours
- Determine your schedule

When?

Sept/Oct 2022

- Soon so you get newsletters and other information
- An auto email is sent for a reminder
- Livestock hours must be completed, volunteers conduct the hours, simply saying they need to offer more is not an option

4-H Member responsibilities

What do I do?

- Complete 6 education hours
- Why education time?
- KUIP eartag market animals & all hogs

When? Fall

- Must begin in fall and complete by January 11,2023
- Time must be completed for all species including Co Ham
- Schedule is generally posted in late Dec, early January – whenever UK, KDA, & FFA agree/post, this is state not local

4-H Member responsibilities

What to do?

- Where will animal be housed?
- How will animal get water?
- Who will care for animal if I am out of town or can't feed?
- Where will I get feed, how will I store the feed? Do I have a feeder?

When? - Soon, near future

- Create appropriate space -now
- Purchase or create as needed?
- Be nice to person, make arrangements
- Must resolve these concerns before bringing animal home

Copper toxicity issue

4-H Member responsibilities

When? Early spring

What do I do?

- Apply for location waiver or co-op if needed
- Make sure registration paperwork is correct for your animals – heifers, breeding
- Animals are supposed to have health papers whenever they leave a farm

Jan/Feb/March

- On 2023 validation form – some correspondence have different dates complete before the deadline.
- Prior to attending a show – give breed association time, ask for a pending number
- Your decision with your animal's vet – get health papers, best if you have KUIP tags

4-H Member responsibilities

What do I do?

- If Participating in the sale: potential buyers list is being passed out this evening
- Order your tags and tag your animal. Enter KUIP information on the validation form, mail completed DNA packet, for all animals, even though it says KY State Fair, before the deadline - certified mail

When? Feb/March/April

- Order KUIP tags from the State Fair website. Plan to tag your animals – deadlines are enforced.
- Tag according to your schedule – but remember you must order tags by May 5th see co-tag; if there is a problem, and you procrastinate, you won't have time to solve the problem. When you enter online, take a picture/screen shot of completed form, helps you later

4-H Member responsibilities

What do I do?

April/May/ by May 24, 2023

- Nominate your animal for the Kenton Co. Fair livestock Sale if you want to sell deadline 5/26/2023
- Sign up for farm visit, schedule passed this evening

When? April & May 2023

- Submit the validation form as requested – meet deadline for Market Animals
- Submit the form as requested for Breeding Animals as of 3/6/23 Diane does not have anything from State
- DNA envelopes must be returned to STATE FAIR by March 24th Beef and
- May 24th for other livestock or before first district/preview show.
- If you plan to sell an animal the required, paperwork - buyer contacts are delivered on Farm visits
- Complete breeding animal form(s) prior to June 1 State deadline

4-H Member responsibilities

What to do?

- Animals have to meet/make weight
- Make plan to contact assigned buyers
- Complete recordbook & turn in before June 30, 2023

When? February thru July

- Weigh animal, understand how much weight it must gain daily but not go overweight. Adapt according to weather.
- Buyers must know where to come & when, tickets are mailed or delivered by families, buyers need to secure money from organization, arrange childcare, etc.
- All 4-H projects require a recordbook – you just have to do it – **late is not accepted**

4-H Member responsibilities

What to do?

When? July 12, 2023 animal events

- Bring your animal to show at the fair
- Have a good time with your animal & family
- Pay attention to announcements
- Sale is on Wednesday
- As determined by the fair, watch for updates/times
- At the fair
- Plan to care for your animal if you win, while it is exhibited at the fair
- You are expected to help set up and clean up – really

4-H Member responsibilities

What to do?

- Send a thank you note to your buyer
- Help your buyer get the animal to processing
- Deliver picture plaque to your buyer after the event

When? After the sale event

- The day after the sale, or within the week, rules changed you will be penalized if not completed promptly.
- Most buyers do not have trailers or transportation, this is part of your responsibility
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- Volunteers take the photos, prep for a processor, processor lightens & brightens, processor orders, then all assembly is completed

4-H Member responsibilities

2023 to do

- Order KUIP tags from State Fair – all market animals
- Install KUIP tags – sooner rather than later
- Complete validation form with KUIP numbers from State Fair
- Submit DNA packets – keep copies – photos, certified mail, whatever you decide to do, mail before deadline
- Take animal to vet for health papers
- Nominate for 2023 Kenton County Fair if you choose
- Before May 26, 2023 submit the required form for breeding animal nomination.
- Special circumstances
- May 5 – must send in request pertaining to location
- Co-op form for animals



HOW DO YOU SELL?

Everything changes daily, you will have to remain in contact with us

- Market animals are led into the ring, the auctioneer will ask for bids.
- If someone wishes to buy an animal, they raise a hand. If they are the high bidder, the animal is theirs. Sellers are responsible for helping after the sale.



After the Sale

Immediately following the sale, buyers must inform the Sale Clerk if the animal is to be re-sold.

Buyers pay for the purchase within 24 hours of the sale.



RE-SALE OF ANIMALS

- If you a buyer informs the Sale Clerk that they want the animal re-sold through a livestock market, it will be sold for the current market price at the livestock market.
- Example: If a buyer paid \$1 per pound for a 100 pound lamb and re-sold the animal at market price for 45 cents per pound, they only have an actual expense of \$55 which is tax deductible.



PROCESSING MEAT

- There is one meat processing business in the area who will process your animal for your freezer or for your business.
- Arrangements must be made by the purchaser the evening of the sale. Names/phone numbers will be provided for the purchaser to make the contact with the processor.

Additional benefits

- Youth can purchase \$4.00 tickets for fair entry, supper prior to the sale, usually great parking
- Buyers will receive a picture of his/her animal with the 4-H or FFA member, in a frame
- Buyers will be recognized on the re-broadcast of the sale on local cable, to be determined by the local station
- Buyers are recognized in the following year online fair catalog

How can I participate?

- 4-H livestock members must attend 6 hours of the offered educational sessions in Kenton County. Parents/guardians attend an orientation
- Call the Kenton County Extension Office at 356-3155 and ask for Diane Kelley.
- Provide your name, address or phone number on the enrollment form so you receive a newsletter in the mail.
- Check out our website:
www.kentoncountyextension.org

Sale of Champions

July 12, 2023

7:00p.m.

Kenton County

Fairgrounds

Independence, Kentucky



2012
KENTON COUNTY
FAIR
4H/FFA MARKET STEER SHOW
GRAND CHAMPION
MADE OF MEAT

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KENTON COUNTY
FAIR
4H/FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW
RESERVE CHAMPION
MARKET STEER

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RESERVE CHAMPION
SHOWMAN

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John

THANK YOU...FOR your interest in 4-H

We appreciate the opportunity to visit
and explain our project to you.

If we can provide any additional
information, please do not hesitate
to ask