

4-H Animal Science Bio-Security Proficiency Research Project



What is it?

- Eleven-county research project
- For animal science project members between the ages of 9 - 15 taking a market and/or breeding sheep, swine, dairy cattle, beef cattle, goat to the Monterey, Santa Cruz and/or San Benito County Fairs in 2015

Why should I do it?

- "Treatment" group members will receive bio-security proficiency pins
- Bragging rights - tell your potential buyers that you used bio-security best practices in raising your animals
- Potential to reduce veterinary bills, raise healthier animals and get higher market prices

What will we do?

- Learn and adopt best practices to assess and prevent disease
- Understand and lessen bio-security risk in market and breeding stock
- Learn to conduct water, feed and fecal sampling

What do Project Leaders need to know?

- Project leaders will receive training, curriculum and materials at no cost
- Participate in one face-to-face workshop on April 25 (9a - 3p) in Watsonville and two phone/video conferences (June 10 and July 22, 6 - 8pm)
- Deliver bio-security project in conjunction with your animal science project meetings

When will it happen?

- Members will begin implementing the bio-security practices to their project work in April after they have purchased their 2015 fair animals.

How do I participate?

- Talk to your project leader
- Attend an informational meeting;
 - 1/31/15 @ 9:30AM in Watsonville
 - 2/16/15 @ 7p, in Hollister
 - 3/7/15 @ 10:00am in Salinas
- Register at: <http://ucanr.edu/cc4hbiosecurity> by March 16, 2015
- Contact the Animal Bio-Security Program Coordinator Julie Katawicz at jkatawicz@ucdavis.edu 831-763-8108



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