



1. How does the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) 4-H youth Development Program (4-H YDP) define a jackpot/prospect show?

The 4-H Policy Handbook defines a jackpot/prospect show as one in which entry fees are charged and cash prizes or premiums are awarded from the accumulated entry fees or other matching funds ([Ch. 7, VI, B](#)).

2. Can 4-H members participate in jackpot/prospect shows?

Members cannot participate in jackpot/prospect shows as 4-H YDP members, although they may participate as individuals. Members cannot wear a 4-H uniform or other representation of 4-H, nor will their participation be recognized as a 4-H experience.

3. How can I tell whether or not a livestock show is a jackpot/prospect show by the 4-H YDP's definition?

CA 4-H YDP would consider a livestock show to be a jackpot/prospect show if cash premiums are variable based on the money accumulated from the number of entrants in the class or show or other matching funds. At jackpot/prospect shows it is typical for class premiums to be paid in cash based on a percentage of the funds collected from the number of entrants in the class or show.

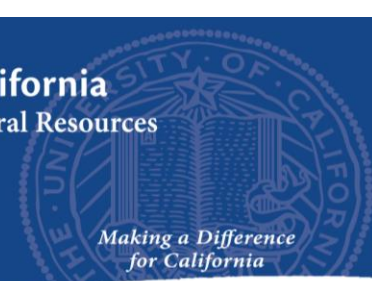
4. Can participation in jackpot/prospect be counted in the 4-H record book, even if it is listed as an "Outside 4-H" experience?

Participation in these shows is NOT to be recorded as a 4-H experience or as an "Outside 4-H" experience. Events that do not comply with 4-H Policy may not be recorded in the Record Book.

5. My county fair awards cash premiums, would that mean that the 4-H show at my county fair is a "jackpot/prospect show"?

Endorsed fairs, expositions and sponsored shows (e.g. 4-H Shows) can award cash premiums and still be recognized as a 4-H activity, as long as the premiums are not awarded based on the money accumulated from the number of entrants or other matching funds. For instance, if your county fair specifies what the cash premium





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awards will be for each class placing ahead of time, regardless of the accumulated funds, then your county fair would NOT be considered a “jackpot/prospect show”.

6. Please provide a specific example of how cash premiums may be awarded at a jackpot/prospect show.

The hypothetical jackpot/prospect show called the “Pork Classic Youth Livestock Show” has an entry fee of \$30 per entry, per class and states the following in their show handbook:

Awards

- *\$15.00 of each market/breeding entry will be jackpotted.*
- *Class premiums will be paid on a percentage based on the number of animals in the class, and will be determined on the day of the show.*

As you can see in this example, premiums are variable based on the accumulation of entry fees. The amount of cash premiums awarded increases and decreases based on the number of entrants in the class. By definition, this particular show would be classified by the 4-H YDP as a jackpot/prospect show.

7. Please provide a specific example of how cash premiums are awarded at an endorsed fair, exposition or sponsored show.

A hypothetical endorsed fair has an entry fee of \$6 per entry, per class and states the following in their fair handbook:

Premium Payments

Class premiums are as follows:

| <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> | <i>5th</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>\$20</i> | <i>\$16</i> | <i>\$12</i> | <i>\$8</i> | <i>\$6</i> |

Contrary to the example in #6, at this fair the premiums do not vary based on the accumulation of entry fees or other matching funds. Thus, this particular fair would not be considered a jackpot/prospect show, and the 4-H exhibitors would be able to count this activity in their record book.





8. I attended an open livestock show that is not considered a jackpot/prospect show by the 4-H YDP's definition; can this be listed in my 4-H record book?

Yes, this show can be listed as an "Outside 4-H" experience in your record book, provided that the show complies with 4-H Policy.

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