



4-H and Non 4-H Livestock Events Guidance for 2021

Updated on 4/28/2021 The purpose of this document is to provide the 4-H community with the tools to support their counties in regards to 4-H and non 4-H livestock events, as well as best practices when communicating with event organizers and forming relationships. The information provided here serves to clarify key information for 4-H staff, 4-H Adult Volunteers and families. This information is supplemental to all existing UC ANR 4-H policy that must be followed.

Did you know... Each UCCE county office may have different staff responsible for facilitating the relationships with livestock event organizers and 4-H programs?

Each UCCE county office should internally establish which staff will be responsible for being the lead contact or point person responsible for handling the communication, leadership, and relationship building between the 4-H program in their county and the organizers of local livestock events. This may be the 4-H Community Education Specialist (CES), 4-H Youth Development or Youth Families and Communities Advisor, Livestock Advisor, or County Director. UCCE staff should have an open discussion with their supervisors and team to determine who will take what role.

Clearly establishing who will be the lead contact for these interactions is important for both internal and external communication and to avoid confusion. Once a lead contact is selected, ensure that all team members and organizations are notified.

Fostering Relationships

UCCE staff may need to contact the livestock event organizers in order to find out the best ways for 4-H youth to participate, establish open lines of communication and foster community relationship building. Each event may have a different organizational structure in place such as a committee (ex. a Junior Livestock Auction committee or sub-committees of the Board of Directors), CEOs, or event supervisors or promoters which UCCE staff may need to contact. UCCE staff should begin by reaching out to the organization, seeking contact information for the person who can help determine event rules and policies for 4-H participation. Building

RESOURCES

GUIDANCE ON HIRING THIRD-PARTY VENDORS TO CONDUCT VIRTUAL 4-H LIVESTOCK MARKET & SHOWMANSHIP EVENTS

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/ca4H/files/325039.pdf>

MARKET ANIMAL SALE OPTIONS & REGULATIONS

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/ca4H/files/323804.pdf>

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA) – FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/>

relationships with livestock event organizers and local organizations may help foster clear communication and collaboration between parties.

Did you know... Each county may have different livestock event opportunities?

Livestock events may include educational events/clinics, showmanship, market classes or grading, or auction opportunities and will vary from county to county. Some counties may have a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) approved event which may be facilitated by the local fair. Other counties may have private or non-profit organizations host livestock events which youth may participate in. Each opportunity will look different, have different policies and regulations, and may need different input from the UCCE staff to decide the best way for 4-H youth members to participate in the event. Below are four 4-H hosted and non-4-H hosted livestock event scenarios and the suggested ways 4-H youth members could participate in them.

Except for scenario three below, where no COVID-19 protocols are needed, 4-H staff in the county where the fair/show/auction is taking place must verify that the fair/show/auction has protocols in place to comply with state and local public health guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and upload the safety protocols for the event using the 2021 Fair COVID-19 Safety Protocols survey at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/StaffResources/In-Person_Guidelines/.

It is not our intent to review or approve a fair's COVID-19 safety protocols, but to verify that the fair has a plan in place. The relevant information about safety and COVID-19 prevention for the event must be shared with 4-H participants, families, and adult volunteers so they are aware of and will be expected to comply with the fair's safety protocols. Once UC ANR has the protocols for the event on file, 4-H members may participate.

Scenario #1: 4-H Hosted Event

Local 4-H staff and volunteers may choose to host a livestock event. This may be an in-person or virtual event, as UC 4-H and local public health regulations allow. All 4-H hosted livestock events must be approved by the local UCCE county following the protocols put in place by University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR). 4-H livestock events may be volunteer or staff planned and operated, with input from the local UCCE office. 4-H members may participate in 4-H livestock events following the rules set forth by the planning committee.

Note: It is a UC ANR policy that 4-H may not hold livestock auctions under any circumstance. UC 4-H Policy Handbook, Chapter 7, Section V: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/Chapter7/>

Steps to follow:

1. 4-H staff will review the following considerations for 4-H participation listed below under "Additional considerations for participation".

Scenario #2: CDFA Sponsored Event

Some fairs may be able to host a CDFA sponsored livestock event, either in-person or virtual. In order for 4-H youth to participate in the event in person, the county 4-H Staff must upload a copy of the

safety protocols for the event using the 2021 Fair COVID-19 Safety Protocols survey at:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/StaffResources/In-Person_Guidelines/

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certificates: Youth choosing to participate in a CDFA sponsored event will be required to submit a YQCA certificate to the livestock event organizers or fair.

Steps to follow:

For an in-person CDFA livestock event, the county 4-H Staff must provide a copy of the safety protocols for the event using the 2021 Fair COVID-19 Safety Protocols survey at:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/StaffResources/In-Person_Guidelines/

1. 4-H staff will review the following considerations for 4-H participation listed below under “Additional considerations for participation”.

Scenario #3: Non-CDFA Events sponsored by another organization

4-H members may wish to participate in a livestock event, either virtual or in-person, which is not sponsored by CDFA, rather another organization. 4-H members must follow the rules established by the sponsoring organization.

Depending on the organization’s rules, 4-H members may not be able to participate in the livestock event as “4-H members”. 4-H youth and their families will determine if they wish to participate as a 4-H member or as an “individual” in the event.

Staff do not need to obtain a copy of the safety protocols for this event, as families/youth are making their own determination to participate as individuals in the activity.

Note: 4-H adult volunteers may tell youth about livestock events, other 4-H youth (even an entire project) may plan to participate in the event, however, that does not make the event a “4-H sponsored event”.

Steps to follow:

1. 4-H staff will review the following considerations for 4-H participation listed below under “Additional considerations for participation”.

Scenario #4: Events jointly planned by 4-H and another organization

Livestock events can be jointly organized by 4-H, involving one or more collaborators. Participation and involvement should be guided by the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between 4-H and the collaborating partners. Jointly planned events must follow UC 4-H policy. **Note:** *Staff must allow for 2-3 months for the processing of any MOUs.*

Steps to follow:

1. County 4-H Staff must receive approval from CD and must provide a copy of the safety protocols for the event using the 2021 Fair COVID-19 Safety Protocols survey at:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/StaffResources/In-Person_Guidelines/.

2. 4-H staff will review the following considerations for 4-H participation listed below under “Additional considerations for participation”.

Did you know... Additional considerations for participation or planning for livestock activities may be needed.

Insurance - When participating in a 4-H hosted event or activity, 4-H youth members are provided secondary insurance coverage under a UC 4-H accident and sickness insurance policy. 4-H youth participating in events which are not sponsored by 4-H, will not be covered by UC 4-H accident and sickness insurance or any other coverage offered by 4-H. 4-H does not insure members' animals for loss of the animal or liability for damage or injury that the animal may cause. The 4-H member and their family are responsible for obtaining insurance to cover their animal. If required by a fair, show or other livestock activity.

UC 4-H Policy Handbook, Chapter 10: Business, Insurance and Risk Management:
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/Chapter10/>

Sharing Event Information – For activities not sponsored by UC 4-H, the 4-H staff may only provide factual information about an event opportunity to families, but may not recommend or endorse any one opportunity over another. Announcements must be clear that UC 4-H is not sponsoring the event and is not responsible for any of the activities or outcomes associated with the event.

Record Books – The youth can add this experience to their 4-H record books. See http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/RecordBook/ for more information.

4-H Uniform – In Scenarios 1-4, youth will follow the rules established by the sponsoring organization to determine if they will wear their 4-H Uniform.

Participating as a 4-H member or an Individual – In Scenarios 2-3 above, youth and their families must follow the rules established by the sponsoring organization to determine options for participating as a 4-H member or an Individual.

4-H volunteers and families who have additional questions, should first contact the 4-H staff at the local UCCE office for questions or concerns about safety or risk management related to livestock activities. As needed, staff will consult further with UCANR Risk & Safety Services to provide further clarification and guidance.

Primary Members and Livestock Events

Primary 4-H members (youth ages 5 to 8 by December 31 of the program year) may participate in livestock events as 4-H members if the events are for small animals such as rabbits, chickens, dogs. However, primary members may only participate in the livestock events if they are noncompetitive in nature. Primary members

participating in livestock events may be recognized for their participation, but are not eligible to receive premium funds or participate in livestock auctions.

For more information about Primary Members, please see the *Primary Members Frequently Asked Questions* handout: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/4720.pdf> and the *Primary Member Fact Sheet*: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/4719.pdf>

Clarification about Jackpot and Prospect Shows

4-H members may wish to participate in non 4-H hosted livestock events to expand their learning opportunities. However, some livestock events may not be appropriate to participate in as a 4-H member. These shows may or may not be called a “jackpot” or “prospect” shows. Sometimes a show with “jackpot” or “prospect” in the title may be acceptable for 4-H members to participate in – it depends on how the cash prizes or premiums are awarded. See the two scenarios below as examples of an appropriate livestock event and an inappropriate livestock event.

For more information about Jackpot and Prospect Show and UC 4-H Policy, please see the *Jackpot/Prospect Shows Frequently Asked Questions* handout: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/220615.pdf> and Chapter 7, VI. Policy on Jackpot/Prospect Shows. http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Administration_94/California_4-H_Policies/Chapter_7_Experiential_Learning/#VI

For 4-H volunteers: If choosing to advertise for a jackpot/prospect show, please use the following language to ensure that 4-H youth and families are aware that the event is not hosted or supported by 4-H: “This article/flyer is provided for informational purposes only. No endorsement of the named jackpot/prospect show is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar shows not mentioned.”

Jackpot/Prospect Show Scenario #1: Appropriate as a 4-H youth participant

The Clover Jackpot Show will be taking place next month. Your 4-H beef project leader told you about the livestock event because she knows you are passionate about working with your steer and as a way for you to practice your showmanship skills. The show rulebook states the entry fee is \$25 per class and the premiums are \$100 per 1st place award, \$50 per second place award, and \$25 per third place award regardless of the number of entries. This is not a 4-H event, but may be used as an appropriate learning opportunity to add depth of knowledge and skills to your 4-H project work and can be listed in your 4-H Record Book.

Jackpot/Prospect Show Scenario #2: Not appropriate as a 4-H youth participant

The Lucky Jackpot Show will be taking place next month. You learned about this livestock event through social media and think you could use it to practice your showmanship skills. The rulebook states the entry fee is \$35 per class and the cash prizes will be variable, depending on the money accumulated from the entries and sponsors. The cash prizes will be awarded based the number of entries in each class. This is not a 4-H appropriate event, and should not be used as a 4-H learning opportunity. This event cannot be listed in your 4-H Record Book as it does not follow UC 4-H policy.

Youth wishing to participate in livestock events with variable award cash prizes or premiums based on the accumulated entries fees may participate as “individuals” and should not wear their 4-H uniforms or represent the 4-H program.