



Tips 'n Topics

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SHASTA COUNTY

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National 4-H Week is Oct 5 - 11

Check out our [Facebook](#) page that week to see if your picture is on there !!

Monday, 10/6 - Go Green

Wear Green today

Tuesday, 10/7 - Give a Clover

Spread the word about why 4-H is important to you

Wednesday, 10/8 - Show Gratitude

Thank a 4-H staff person or volunteer

Thursday, 10/9 - 4-H for Good

Share the ways you are supporting the community with 4-H

Friday, 10/10 - Flashback Friday

4-H Alumni: share your favorite 4-H memory

Saturday, 10/11 - Grow Green

Plant a seed or seedling



Registration Is Open !

We are encouraging everyone to register early to make sure there is room in the projects you want.

The deadline for online registration + enrollment fee paid to your Club is November 30, which falls on a Sunday.

The 3 days prior to that are the Thanksgiving holiday, so there will no one in the office for support.
(if you need it).



Member Resources

[Shasta County 4-H Website](#)

4-H [Enrollment](#) is Year-Round

Interested in [Volunteering](#) ?

California 4-H [Member Resources](#)

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Local 4-H

Countywide Projects

Did you know that any member can participate in a countywide project, even if it's with a different club?

Cloverbuds

Gardening

Goats: Dairy & Nigerian

Goats: Market

Poultry

Rabbits: Market & Showmanship

Sewing

Shooting Sports: Rifle

Click [Here](#) for information on how to participate.

Calendar



October

- 5-11** National 4-H Week
- 9** Club Officer Training & Installation
- 11** Valley Livestock Judging Day (CQ)
YQCA Instructor Led Training (SQ)
- 16** Valley Town Hall Meeting
- 19** Cloverbud Meeting
- 23** Inter-Mountain Town Hall Meeting



November

- 11** Veteran's Day - Office closed
- 16** Inter-Mountain Livestock Judging Day (CQ)
YQCA Instructor Led Training (SQ)
- 16** Cloverbud Meeting
- 27-28** Thanksgiving Holiday - Office closed
- 30** 4-H Enrollment Completion **Deadline** (CQ)
For all 2026 Fair Exhibitors

December

- 1** 2025-26 Club Documents **DUE**
- 24-25** Christmas Holiday - Office closed
- 31** Returning Volunteer Enrollment
& Training **Deadline**

State 4-H

State Leadership Conference

By: Addie Bowers & Quinn McCullough, Palo Cedro 4-H Club



We had the opportunity to go to the 4-H State Leadership Conference at UC Davis to learn about Leadership and what it means to us. We participated in lots of games and group events.



Q: What did we like best?

A: Quinn liked when she could get to know people and the ice breaker games. She liked seeing other people that she knew from other events. Addie liked game night because we got to interact with new people.

Q: What was one thing that we learned that we will take with us?

A: Quinn says one of the speakers told the audience that everything is not just statistics, it's also about creativity and your thoughts. It means that creativity is important as part of leadership. Addie learned that if you put your mind to it you can do it.



We had a good time at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and it would be fun to see other Shasta 4-H friends there next year.



Livestock Judging Events

VALLEY LIVESTOCK JUDGING DAY

Host: Palo Cedro

Location: Shasta College Farm

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM Sign In

Parking is available in the east parking lot.

It's a short walk from there to the farm where the sign-in table is located.



[If you're interested in being a Teen Group Leader for the Valley event, click on this sentence for more info & to sign up.](#)

Livestock Judging teaches members what the judges will be looking for at next year's fair.



4-H Livestock Judging Day includes:
beef, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats,
swine, poultry and rabbits.

INTER-MOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK JUDGING DAY

Host: Evergreen

Location: Inter-Mountain Fair & Event Center

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Start: 9:00 am

Y.Q.C.A. training will be provided by Shasta County 4-H staff after livestock judging.*

* A YQCA certificate is required by the State for any youth bringing an animal to Fair.

In-Person Training dates will be added to the YQCA calendar in October.

Walt Johnson Memorial Beef Project Revolving Fund

Walter H. Johnson served as the University of California Cooperative Extension Livestock Farm Advisor/County Director in Shasta County from 1962 until he retired in 1988. Walt spent most of his career conducting range and beef cattle research with the cooperation of beef cattle producers.

When Walt died in 1997, a fund was established in his memory thorough which college scholarships were funded. In 2020 Walt's sons approached the Fall River-Big Valley Cattlemen's Association to use the funds to establish a program to help youth purchase beef project animals (steers) that would be **exhibited and sold at Intermountain Fair**.

Process and Procedures:

The funds and application process are handled by the Fall River-Big Valley Cattlemen's Association

The upper limit on the funds provided will not exceed the market value (average price at Orland Livestock Commission Yard) of an 800-900 lb. commercial feeder steer in the fall plus \$200 (recognizing that sometimes breeders need to charge a little more for selling project animals to youth). This no-interest loan will be repaid to Association when the student receives their check after selling at the Jr. Livestock Auction.

Open only to applicants qualified to exhibit at the Intermountain Fair in 2026

Applications will be sent to appropriate 4-H Leaders and Vocational Agriculture Instructors in October. They are due to Justin Vigil by December 15, 2025. Applications to be reviewed and decisions made soon after December 15th.

Applications will be reviewed, and recipient(s) determined by a committee appointed by the Fall River-Big Valley Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors.

For information associated with this revolving fund,
please contact Justin Vigil 530-224-4900 or jusvigil@ucanr.edu

2025-2026 Ambassador Team



Ally

Ambassadors

Marianna H

Hanna S

Ally T



Jr. Ambassadors

Addison B

Quinn M

Maggie R



Marianna



Hanna

Coaches

Mandy B

Carlie P



Inter-Mountain Fair Pictures



Evergreen 4-H won 1st place for pen of lambs.



Burney 4-H Club



Avery T - Evergreen 4-H
Best in Show - dress



Tate L - Evergreen 4-H



Elliot C - Burney 4-H
Reserve Supreme Champion Market
Champion 4-H Market Lamb



Charlee M - Burney 4-H
4-H Reserve Champion Market Lamb



Kyra W - Burney 4-H

Inter-Mountain Fair



Burney 4-H Market Lamb members



Maci F - Burney 4-H
4-H Reserve Champion Market Hog





What is a Cloverbud?

Cloverbuds is a project specially designed for youth ages 5-8—where curiosity, creativity, and confidence grow through hands-on fun!

What do Cloverbuds do?

- Explore science, art, animals, cooking, and more
- Make new friends and practice teamwork
- Build important skills like sharing, listening, and problem-solving
- Celebrate learning — without competition or pressure

Every meeting is about trying new things, asking big questions, and having a great time.

The Shasta County Cloverbuds meet on the 3rd Sunday of most months, beginning in October, 2:00—3:30pm at the 4-H Office.



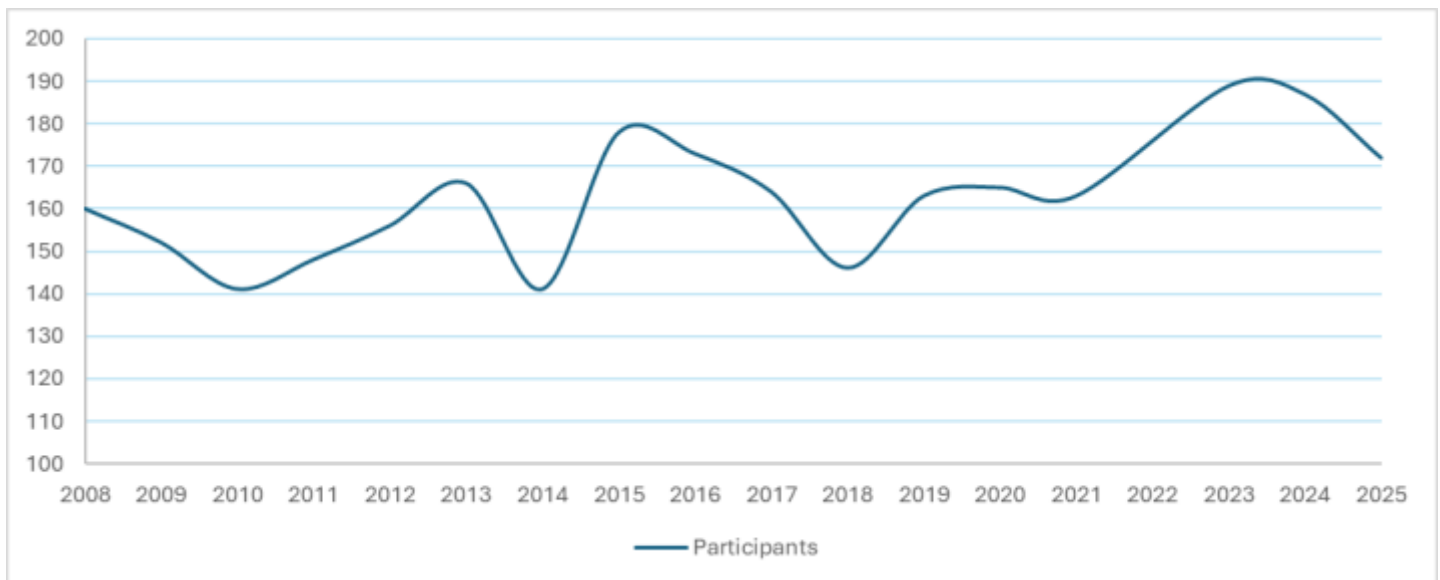
Eastern Shasta County Market Animal Participation

The Inter Mountain Fair (IMF) again received a significant proportion of 4-H and FFA members from Eastern Shasta County participating in the market animal program as their project of choice.

The 2025 IMF had 172 youth market animal participants, a slight decrease from 187 in 2024, but above the annual average number of participants from 2008 to present (162). This total includes 132 4-H and FFA members from Eastern Shasta County and 34 from Big Valley.

Figure A demonstrates the total number of lots sold at the IMF since 2008. While there are some peaks and valleys, participation is reasonably consistent.

Figure A. Number of Lots Sold Through Jr. Livestock Auction at the Inter Mountain Fair



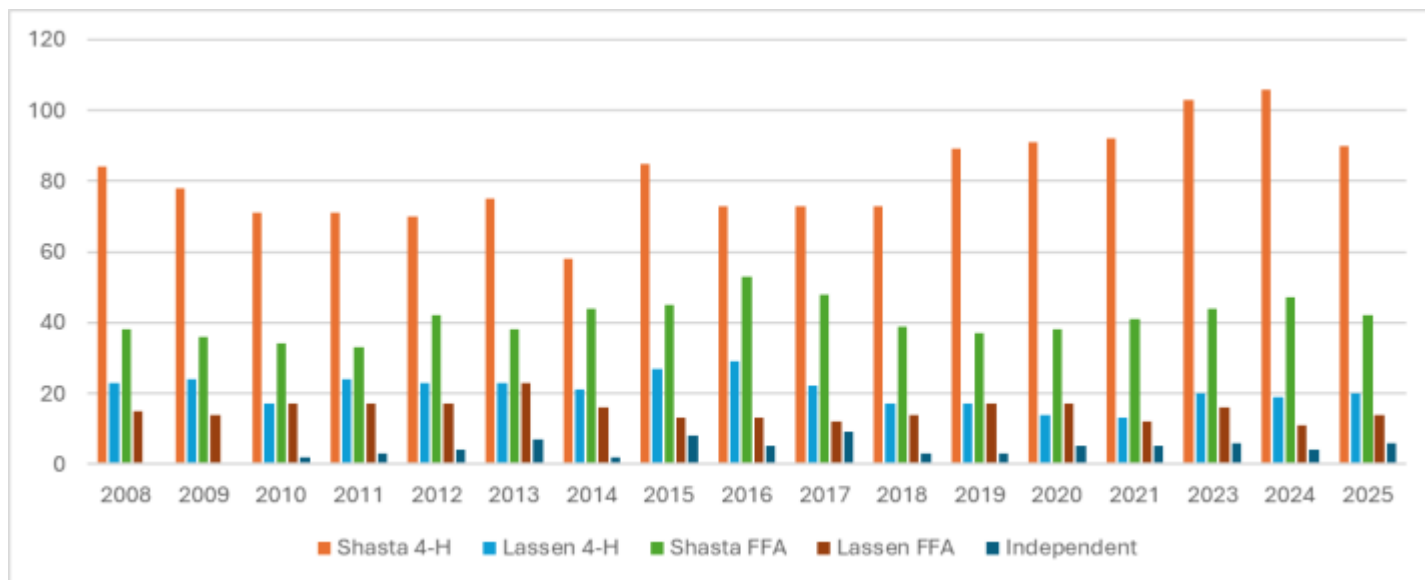
Youth can participate in this program as 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitors.

Figure B outlines the number of lots marketed by 4-H, FFA and Independent exhibitors locally (Grange exhibitors are not included as there were very few during the study period).

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Eastern Shasta County Market Animal Participation

Figure B. Number of Lots Sold by Organization (4-H, FFA, Independent).



Market animal projects provide youth with responsibility, ownership, and financial literacy which is a big reason why in 2025 about 75% of eligible 4-H members from Eastern Shasta County elected it as their project of choice (primary 4-H members are not eligible for a market animal project).

The other 25% of 4-H members eligible for a market animal project participate in projects ranging from photography to shooting sports to quilting. While market animal projects make up many of the projects for youth in Eastern Shasta County, it's important to note that the 4-H Youth Development Program provides numerous project opportunities that serve diverse communities.

Justin Vigil, Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor
Shasta & Trinity Counties



Shasta Market Match

Double your EBT food dollars with the Shasta Market Match at any farmers market April through December 2025.

Step 1: Use Your EBT Card

Visit the Market Manager's booth at the farmers market and purchase the Shasta Market Match vouchers.

Step 2: Receive Shasta Market Match Vouchers

You can receive an equal amount, up to \$15, of Shasta Market Match vouchers. Limit one visit per day.

Step 3: Purchase Local Produce

Spend vouchers with vendors at the market to purchase fresh produce

When you swipe your EBT card and use your CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps) benefits to buy food at a farmer's market, the amount of money you spend (up to \$15) is matched with Shasta Market Match vouchers. The vouchers can be exchanged for locally grown fruits and vegetables. The Shasta Market Match program runs at all Shasta Grower Association certified markets. Vouchers are not redeemable for cash.





10/1	Blake A.
10/1	Zander V.
10/2	Jennifer E.
10/2	Emilie M.
10/3	Kasandra K.
10/4	Amilee V.
10/5	Logan D.
10/5	Sariya G.
10/5	Camille K.
10/5	Chase O.
10/7	Jennifer B.
10/8	Cody F.
10/8	Turner K.
10/8	Miles M.
10/8	Kevin S.
10/9	Ellie B.
10/9	Joseph K.
10/9	Tinley S.
10/10	Katelyn H.
10/10	Margaret K.
10/10	Ivy O.

10/11	Ava M.
10/11	Hannah P.
10/11	Morgan P.
10/11	Kyle S.
10/12	Ian C.
10/13	Wyatt H.
10/14	Jackson K.
10/14	Noa N.
10/14	Baylon N.
10/15	Kaelen C.
10/16	Jed E.
10/17	Airyonna B.
10/17	Brynlee H.
10/17	Mark L.
10/17	Destry P.
10/17	Reagan S.
10/19	David E.
10/19	Nikole P.
10/20	Blake G.
10/21	Chloe G.
10/21	Allison T.
10/21	Christopher W.
10/21	Madalynne W.

10/22	Georgia B.
10/22	Maverick M.
10/23	Lucy A.
10/23	Karter K.
10/24	Hailey M.
10/25	Maci G.
10/25	Brooks K.
10/25	Riley P.
10/25	Kaeanna S.
10/25	Ally T.
10/26	Emily M.
10/26	Stacey R.
10/27	Grace D.
10/28	Payton B.
10/28	Matthew M.
10/31	Addison J.
10/31	Imanol R.
10/31	Justin W.



Fun Holidays in October:

10/1 Balloons Around the World Day
 10/12 Old Farmers Day
 10/21 Count Your Buttons Day
 10/27 National Breadstick Day

