

NEVADA COUNTY 4-H PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Animal Science - Overview

The **4-H Animal Science Proficiency program** helps you learn what you need to know about your 4-H project. Your project leader will assist you in setting and achieving your goals. Through your project, you will learn animal care basics, good management practices and record keeping. You will also learn about the size and scope of the animal industry as it relates to your project.

Projects to be completed through this Animal Science Proficiency include: Cavies, Pets and Small Animals, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Horse Sciences, Poultry and Game Birds, Rabbits, and Companion Pets.

There are many resources to help you learn more about your project:

- The **4-H Publications Catalog** lists a variety of project materials and resources recommended for use in your project.
- The **4-H Educational Resources and Lending Library** at your county 4-H office includes books, videos and reference materials that can be checked out by members and leaders.
- Check to see if there is a breeder organization in your community that conducts educational activities and shows. Local breeders are excellent sources of help and information.

There are four levels in the Project Proficiency Program. You may choose how many levels you wish to complete:

- **Level I – “Explorer”**, you begin to learn about many different aspects of raising animals.
- **Level II – “Producer”**, you practice and refine the many skills involved in learning about and raising animals.
- **Level III – “Consumer”**, you become an experienced animal raiser.
- **Level IV – “Leader”**, allows you to show your own leadership potential.

As you work through the proficiency program, your leader will date each skill item as you complete it. When all items in a proficiency level are completed, your leader will sign the Certificate of Achievement and notify the County Proficiency Coordinator.

PRIMARY MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIBIGLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

