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Why is youth involvement in 4-H important to you?

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What is 4-H?

Texas 4-H is part of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M System. 4-H is a club for youth in grades 3rd-12th. Founded in 1908, it's the largest youth development program in Texas with more than 550,000 youth each year. Each county in Texas has 4-H clubs that are managed by adult volunteers, with the help of extension agents.

Often, livestock projects are associated with 4-H programs. Although 4-H is much more than just livestock, raising animals and exhibiting them for show is still a popular project. Having a livestock project teaches the youth how to properly care for an animal, know the signs of diseases and which traits are good for livestock to display. Livestock projects require time, skill and dedication. Livestock projects are a tool with which to reach youth to teach leadership, patience, honesty, responsibility and an entire host of character development traits. The minimal amount of work that each project requires is to be fed and watered twice a day, but most of the time the youth spend hours with their project every day. Each livestock project's requirements are different. Each animal requires a different feed and exercise program. After market animals have been shown, they will usually enter the food system. 4-H projects in Texas account for about 14,185,412 pounds of meat. Because 4-H'ers know that the animal will enter the food system, it makes them very aware about what medications are given to their animals. 4-H'ers work with veterinarians, so in case an animal falls ill it is given the correct medication. Due to the diligence of 4-H youth, no prescription drug residue will go into our food system at the time of the animal's harvest, post livestock show.

Why is youth involvement in 4-H important to you?

Kids being involved in 4-H is important to everyone because 4-H grows youth into leaders. 4-H's motto is "to make the best better". Being able to care for a livestock project for every day, twice a day at a minimum teaches not only responsibility but patience. Youth involvement in 4-H livestock projects is important to the food system, without the livestock projects we would have less meat.

Thank you for your continued support of local clubs and remember to take pride in agriculture and thank a farmer/rancher.

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