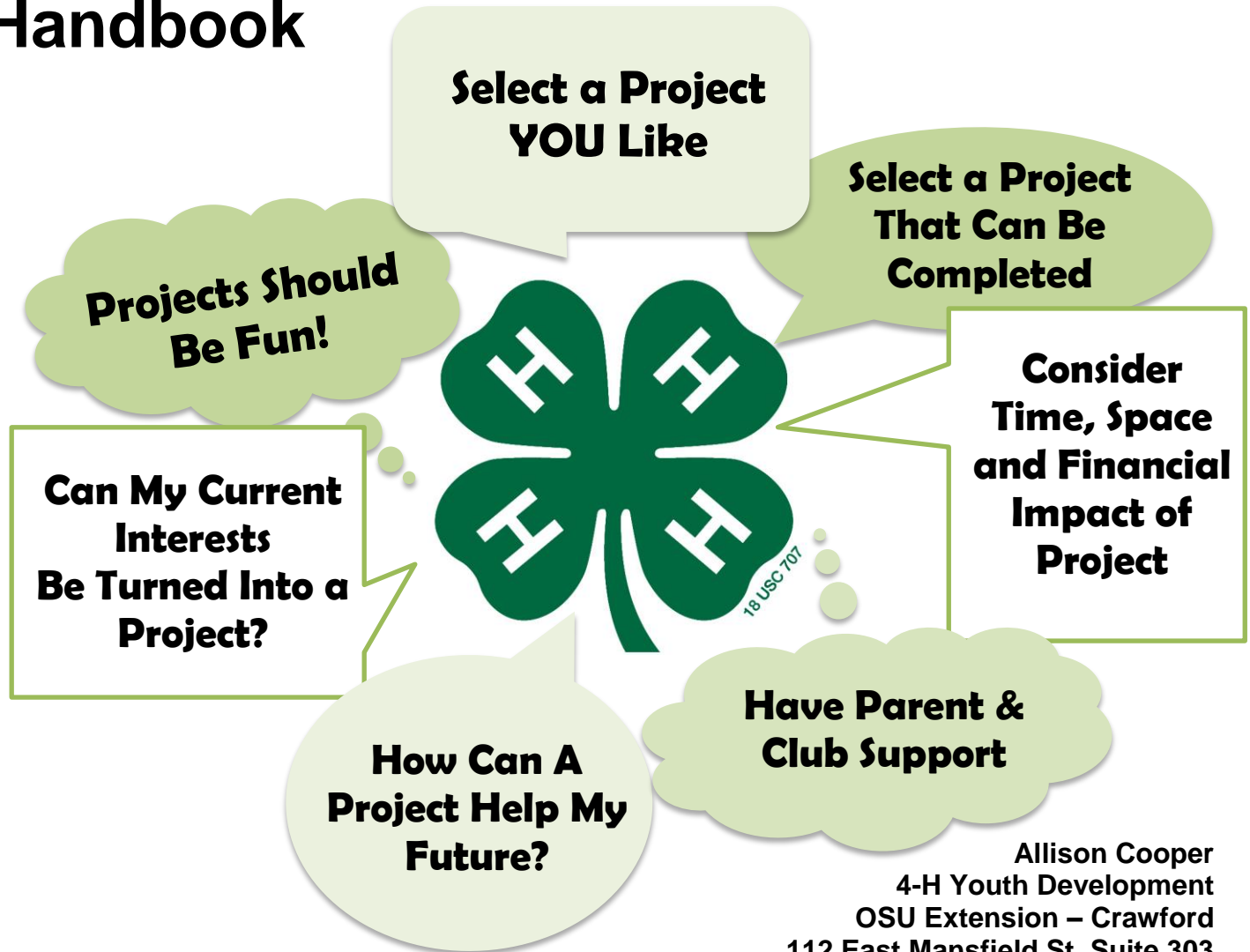


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## Dear 4-H Family

The 4-H handbook has been prepared by the Crawford County staff to assist you and your family throughout the year. Please read over the handbook carefully and keep it as a reference for the entire 4-H year. The handbook is also available online at: [crawford.osu.edu](http://crawford.osu.edu) under the 4-H Youth Development tab.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please call the Ohio State University, Crawford County Extension office. My contact information is provided on the front cover and our office staff information is provided on the last page.

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## Updates for 2020

### Quality Assurance Reminders:

- 4-H or FFA Members CAN NOW attend a QA program from another county or Ohio 4-H Approved clinic.
- Junior fair exhibitors shall successfully complete the educational program not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition; June 4, 2020 for Crawford County Fair

Style Revue, Communications, and Favorite Foods contest entries will AGAIN be **due by JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>** at Family Consumer Science Project Judging. Entries may also be turned in ahead of time to the OSU Extension office as done in the past.

Officer training is now offered every other year. This year, a training will not be held. Please receive officer resources found at [ohio4h.org](http://ohio4h.org) or contact the OSU extension office for help. News Reporters can now submit their articles to the OSU Extension Office to be published on the OSU Website.

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# 4-H Membership

## Who Can Join 4-H?

All 4-H programs are co-ed in nature and are open to all youth, both boys and girls. Participation is open to ALL youth of appropriate ages, on a non-discriminatory basis.

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group.

**Eligibility for 4-H Cloverbud Program** begins when a child is in Kindergarten and is at least age 5 as of January 1 of the current year.

**Eligibility for the 4-H Project Member Program** Project members begin when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19.

## Enrollment Deadline

Advisor and Member Enrollment forms are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> annually. New members may join until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Youth interested in joining 4-H after the April deadline will be **deemed non-competitive and are not eligible for awards (trophies, rosettes, certificates) at the 4-H pre-fair judging, the Crawford County Fair, or state fair.** Members may have projects evaluated (for A, B, or C ribbons), exhibit projects at the fair, and receive a premium.

**Project changes can be made through  
April 15th**

**I Love 4-H**

## Member Fees

**County 4-H dues are \$9.00 for each 4-H member (including Cloverbuds).** The 4-H Advisory Committee is providing this discounted rate again this year, as all clubs worked in the 4-H lunch stand at the fair to raise money for the county program.

## Member in Good Standing

Each club may have member in good standing polices.

Suggested guidelines are:

- Turn in enrolment by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Participate in required interview/ judging/ skillathon. Interviews with advisors will be acceptable only if unable to attend regular scheduled judging.
- No outstanding fee with Extension or 4-H Advisory Committee; yearly dues paid.
- Participation in club activities.
- Fulfill all club responsibilities (demonstration committees, etc).

## Cross County Lines Member

Youth are required to join the 4-H program in their county of residence or receive approval of membership outside the county before enrollment.

- 4-H membership in two counties simultaneously is NOT PERMITTED.
- Cross county membership is not permitted for competitive reasons, such as higher livestock sale prices, less competitive classes, etc.
- In situations where a county of residence does not have a 4-H program, youth may not join in another county.
- In the case of multiple addresses, the county of residence is based on the address they use to determine school districts.



# 4-H Projects

## Dual Membership

Youth are able to participate in both organizations however members may not take the same project in both 4-H and FFA. Separate or different projects must be taken in each organization.

Many members find it easiest to take two completely different projects (such as two different livestock species) however youth may take livestock of the same species if they are a breeding and a market project.

	4-H	FFA
Allowable	Market Steer	Market Hog
Allowable	Market Steer	Beef Breeding
Not Allowable	Market Steer	Market Steer
Not Allowable	Market Steer	Beef Feeder

## Project Books and Resources

Every 4-H project has a designated project book, which includes background information, activities, and instructions for completing your project.

The only project without books are the self determined and masters projects which instead have outlines for youth, who then design their own project.

Some projects also require a resource manual, which is designed to be used for as many years as you take the project. These are most common for animal projects but are also available for a few non-animal projects. If the project has a required resource, it will be noted in the project description.

*Project books do not include county judging information or fair*



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I see the project book ahead of time?**

~Yes. Project books can be viewed at the Extension office during normal business hours (unless the book is out of stock). You can also go to [www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org) to view the books and read reviews from other Ohio 4-H'ers.

### **Does a member have to do all of the activities in the project book?**

~Answers for this question vary based on the project. Some projects are designed to be used for a single year and require all activities to be completed. Others are designed for multiple years and require only 1/2 or 1/3 of the activities to be completed each year.

## Livestock Book Options

Members taking livestock projects must complete a record book or a project book for **EACH PROJECT YEAR.**

Members have two options for keeping records and may choose the option that best fits their need.

### **Members will need to inform their advisor which option they will be using.**

1. Ohio 4-H Project Books: These include are for required records as well as additional practice areas. **Members must take this option their first year in a new species.**  
*Note: If you plan to attend state fair with your livestock project you must complete the Ohio 4-H livestock project book and not a county record book.*
2. County record books can now be used (except poultry and alpaca/ llama) which include the required record pages. Members using the record option will be required to read sections of their resource book and write a short summary based on the readings. Members will also be required to answer 3 general livestock related questions.

## Project Level vs. Ages

The former age recommendations have been changed over the years to help advisors and county staff in assigning a level to each project instead of an age.

**Beginner Level** projects are designed for members of any age who have little to no experience in the project subject area.

**Intermediate Level** projects are designed for members who have previous experience in the project area, or have completed the beginner level project.

**Advanced Level** projects are designed for members who have extensive experience in the project area, or have completed the intermediate level project.

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### Crawford County Fair Premiums

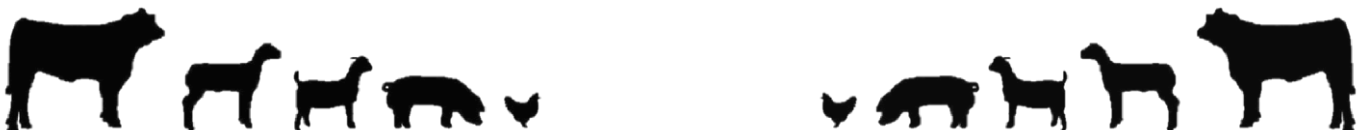
All Junior Fair Premiums will be issued by the voucher system. Exhibitors will receive their voucher when their project is judged or immediately following their livestock show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to pick up and sign for their voucher.

**Vouchers are NOT REPLACEABLE for any reason.**

In order to cash voucher, an exhibitor, guardian, or advisor must present the voucher. Only exhibitors, guardians, or advisors will be allowed to cash vouchers. This rule is to protect from theft of their vouchers. A voucher, which has been altered in any way, will not be cashed.

**Vouchers will ONLY be cashed during the week of the fair!**

Voucher times will be listed on the back of the voucher and can be cashed at the outside window at the Senior Fair Board Office. If you did not receive your project voucher after judging, please visit the Jr. Fair Board Office during the week of the fair.



**Please Thank the Following Previous Year 4-H Project Book  
Supporters**

Sunrise Cooperative, Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, CHS Inc., Land O'Lakes and Carter Electric have each made sizable contributions toward the cost of 4-H project books. Club and individual expression of thanks to these businesses for their generous donations would be very much appreciated.

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