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| **Taylor County 4-H Beef Cattle Management Plan** | | |
| **Month/Date** | **Event or Activity** | **Mentor Assignment or Task** |
| **April 2012**  **April 10** | Coordination Meeting  Project Visits | Mentor and agent will meet with the Smith, Jones and Williams families in Merkel to discuss the role of a mentor and the specific assistance the families need. Bill and Susie Smith, Bob Jones, and Patty Williams are the 4-Hers assigned to John Doe, Taylor County 4-H Beef Cattle Mentor.  Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the Merkel community with their new projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct two project visits each month. |
| **May 2012** | Project Visits | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during May. |
| **June 2012**  **June 23** | Project Visits  State Validation Program | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during June.  Mentor will assist assigned feeders and the validation committee as needed. |
| **July 2012** | Project Visits | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during July. |
| **August 2012**  **August 18** | Project Visits  County Fair | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during August.  Assist assigned 4-Hers in preparation for county fair. Provide instruction on washing, drying and grooming for show as needed. |
| **September 2012**  **September 22** | Project Visits  Hair Care Workshop -Jones project barn | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during September.  Mentor will present a workshop on how to wash, dry, and train hair on show steers and heifers. Assigned 4-Hers and other interested Taylor County 4-H families are invited. |
| **October 2012**  **October 15** | Project Visits  Promote Grooming and Showmanship Clinic | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during October.  Contact AgriLife Extension office and make sure clinic is included in upcoming newsletter and other mass media efforts. All beef cattle exhibitors in Taylor County will be invited. |
| **November 2012**  **November 10** | Project Visits  Grooming and Showmanship Clinic –Smith Farm | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during November.  Mentor will organize and conduct a showmanship clinic for assigned 4-H members and other interest 4-H beef cattle project participants. |
| **December 2012** | Project Visits | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects. Mentor will attempt to conduct project visits twice during December. |
| **January 2013**    **January 19** | Project Visits  County Show | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects leading into the county show.  Assist assigned 4-Hers (and other 4-H families as needed) in preparing and exhibiting projects at the county show. |
| **February 2013** | Project Visits | Mentor will conduct home project visits to help assigned 4-Hers/families in the management of beef cattle projects and in preparation of major shows. Mentor will help communicate arrival dates/times, departmental rules and other needed information. |
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| **Communication Plan:**  (Method and frequency of communication between mentor/agent/4-H family)  **Methods:**  Face-to-face meetings, telephone and email will be used in Mentor/Agent communication.    **Mentor Contact Information Agent Contact Information**  Phone #: 325-555-234% Phone #: 325-555-987^  Email: jrdoe@hotmail.com Email: agent@tamu.edu  Agent/Mentor communication or conferences will include a progress report from the mentor regarding assigned projects, including health or feed management suggestions or concerns. Report will also include the tasks performed by mentor. Communication should occur as often as needed, but a minimum of once each month. Face-to-face meetings may be scheduled on certain day(s) and time(s) each month (1st and 3rd Monday at 10:00 a.m., AgriLife Extension Office) or as determined by agent and mentor each month. Agent should be contacted by mentor as soon as possible if a project(s) is displaying disease symptoms or other health issues. Agent/mentor communication will always include discussion on support needed from agent and AgriLife Extension office  Mentor will communicate with assigned 4-Hers/families on a frequent basis. Communication methods will be determined between mentor and each 4-H family. If a 4-H family is not home or available during the project visit, the mentor will utilize the “Project Visit Checklist” form to leave instructions and suggestions regarding the management of the projects and to make sure the family is aware of the visit.  Agents will maintain good communication with 4-H Livestock Mentor and 4-H families throughout the project year. |
| **Resources:**  (Facilities, equipment, publications, and other materials available to the mentor. 4-H members recommended as teen leaders to assist with events and activities as needed)  **Mentor has the following resources available**:  **County Livestock Trailer** – Contact AgriLife Extension Office to reserve or check out trailer to assist with livestock transportation.  **County Show Barn** –Mentor may use the County Show Barn to conduct workshops and clinics. Contact AgriLife Extension Office to reserve the facility.  **Publications** –Agent can assist mentor in obtaining publications and educational materials (4-H Beef Leader Guide, Show Rules, & etc.).  **Resource People:**  Dr. Boss Hogg DVM – offered to present information on disease prevention and other health management topics.  Rosco P. Coltrain –Senior Merkel 4-H club member with excellent experience and skills in beef showmanship. |

***AgriLife Extension agents are responsible for the county 4-H program and the supervision of all 4-H livestock projects, including the management of state validations and stock show entries. The primary goal of the 4-H Livestock Mentor Program is to help provide new and/or inexperienced 4-H families the additional support they need to be successful in reaching their goals. The mentor program is designed to help with the retention of 4-H members in the livestock program and serves as a tool to promote and grow participation.***

***4-H Livestock Mentors are volunteers that provide assigned 4-H families the additional support needed through individual consultation and other learning opportunities. Only individuals that are recruited or approved by agents and attend required training can officially serve as a 4-H Livestock Mentor.******4-H Livestock******Mentors serve as volunteers at the request and under the direction of an AgriLife Extension agent.***