

## **Delegate Committee #4: The Committee on FFA Involvement in Livestock Shows**

1. Who are the 4-H Livestock Ambassadors, and who oversees them?

**From Louisiana 4-H: The Louisiana 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for 4-H youth in grades 9th to 12th to be empowered with knowledge of the livestock industry in order to serve as strong advocates for agriculture, mentors for younger 4-H member with livestock projects, and consumer educators in the importance of agricultural across our state and country.**

**They are supervised by a 4-H Youth Development Extension Associate. You can learn more about the program at this link:**

**[https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/kids\\_teens/events/events/4hu/leadership-boards/livestock-ambassadors](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/kids_teens/events/events/4hu/leadership-boards/livestock-ambassadors)**

2. What is the FFA participation trend in livestock shows over the past five years?

**We are unable to find accurate data for this question. For the upcoming year, FFA participation in LSU AgCenter-sanctioned shows will be easy to access thanks to a change in registration on Fair Entry.**

3. How many activities are currently offered to FFA members at livestock shows?

**At the State Fair of Louisiana, there is an FFA Creed Speaking contest. At the North Louisiana Ag Expo, Louisiana FFA hosts a booth with activities for FFA members and other attendees. On the state level, there are no other FFA-specific activities at the shows.**

4. Where could FFA activities at livestock show potentially take place?

**The most obvious and ready places would be at state shows (State Fair, Southern, LSU AgCenter, and Ag Expo). It would be more challenging at parish, district, or invitational shows because of lack of staff to administer them.**

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5. How could FFA members be involved in activities other than livestock shows?

**As proposed, this committee is considering the use of livestock shows as a venue for other activities. The committee should consider ideas regarding activities and events that can happen in conjunction with these shows that increase the visibility of the shows while addressing FFA program needs.**

6. Will any training be necessary to prepare for the activities we plan to do at these shows?

**This depends on the activity. If it is a competitive event, there would likely be training necessary like preparing for a CDE or LDE. If the activity is some sort of workshop or non-competitive experience, training would not likely be required.**

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