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4-H Youth Development Program

TO: **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTORS, 4-H YOUTH ADVISORS, AGRICULTURE TEACHERS/FFA ADVISORS, GRANGE YOUTH FAIR LEADERS, FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF.**

To maintain the statewide cooperation that currently exists between Cooperative Extension, Agriculture Education departments, the California State Grange, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Fairs and Expositions Branch it is essential that all staff members, leaders and advisors in these organizations and agencies be informed of the joint policy governing ownership/entrepreneurial projects and enrollment of youth who participate in fairs and expositions as members of the 4-H, FFA, Grange, or as independent exhibitors. We hope that all leaders, staff teachers/advisors, fair and exposition officials, and members/exhibitors will observe these policies so that the best interests of all organizations and the member/exhibitors are served educationally.

The 4-H, FFA, and Grange organizations recognize the role of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Fairs and Expositions Branch to establish and enforce state rules for educational and fair competition at California fairs. These organizations recommend to Fairs and Expositions, the content of this agreement be supported in the "State Rules for California Fairs" and that equitable rules be included for independent exhibitors. We recommend that the content of this agreement be used as a basis for rule development and enforcement at all endorsed fairs and expositions or other sponsored events.

None of the organizations, publicly or privately supported, have the right to determine the extent to which an individual can participate in projects whether as a member of an organization or independent provided the minimum requirements are met for supervised project work. The member and parents should determine what projects should be undertaken in each organization or independently. The agriculture instructor, the 4-H leader, nor the Grange leader should discourage a member from following the choice agreed upon by the member and parents.

It is agreed that when an individual belongs to more than one organization, or exhibits as an independent, he/she must carry a different ownership/entrepreneurial project in each organization/independent. To further clarify this policy, when a member maintains projects in 4-H, FFA, Grange, or independently, the projects may not be in the same kind of livestock or crop production classification. "Production classifications" refers to the grouping of livestock and crops with consideration given to their production type and usage and not by species. For example, a beef project in FFA and a sheep project in 4-H would be acceptable since these two projects are both different species and produce a different commodity, but a beef breeding project in FFA and a beef market project in 4-H would not be acceptable as they are of the same species and produce the same commodity of beef; even if the animals are of different breeds. A further example of a project of the same specie but different production type would be a dairy goat project in Grange and a meat goat project in 4-H, that would be acceptable since the production of milk versus meat is clearly different. To assist in determining whether the projects are to be considered "different" and may be carried in the different organizations or independently see attached

Addendum 1 for a listing of projects production classifications that have been agreed upon for the administration of this agreement. The addendum does not address "projects" which are non–ownership/work experience in nature or involve participation in leadership development activities and events such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, or judging contests, which are not covered by this agreement.

A member of an FFA chapter, Grange, or 4-H unit (club, group, etc.), or independent exhibitor may transfer projects from one organization/independent to another only once during a calendar year. All transfers must include official notification by the member to the organizations involved of their desire to drop and/or add a project and take place at a time that would allow for the supervision of the project by the respective organization/independent. Transfers must take place not less than 60 days, (or the number of days required for the ownership and supervision of respective species whichever is greater), prior to the exhibit or award recognition of the project. Please note that members transferring from 4-H, FFA or Grange to independent may be ineligible to participate at fairs as an Independent exhibitor if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. Fair management shall determine length of ineligibility. For additional detail regarding agreement for members transferring projects from 4-H or Grange to FFA when entering the seventh grade, refer to Addendum 1. To be able to show a project at an endorsed fair, exposition, or other sponsored event, it must be owned and supervised according to the following requirements:

Poultry – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Rabbits – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

All feeder and breeding animals (except rabbits, poultry and horses) must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market sheep, swine, veal, and goats – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market beef – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

Horses/llamas/alpacas – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

Once a project transfer is made, youth may not transfer their project to another organization for 12 months. For the purpose of clarification, the 12-month period starts from the date of the first show occurring after the transfer. For example, a youth transfers their project from 4-H to FFA on May 25th. The first show, following the project transfer, occurs on July 30th. The youth may not transfer their project to another youth organization until July 31st of the following year. Transferring projects once is allowed when ownership requirements are met. Transferring projects between organizations more than once within a 12-month period is prohibited.

We are in agreement that members are expected to care for, prepare for show, and exhibit their own animals while at the fair or livestock show. However, because of the educational nature of livestock shows, it is appropriate on occasion for parents, leaders, or other youth eligible to exhibit at that show to provide assistance. Assistance should always be given only when the exhibitor is present and actively engaged.

Separate classes for 4-H, FFA, Grange, and independents should be maintained and strengthened. However, we recognize that in some circumstances combined classes may be appropriate. When combined classes are established, the decision should be reached with input and agreement by 4-H, FFA, Grange, and independent representatives participating in the affected show(s).

It is important that the official uniform requirements be followed at all sanctioned events in which youth are exhibiting as a member of the 4-H, FFA, Grange or independent. Fairs should support and honor language in the California FFA Constitution that outlines the official dress and show uniforms for the organization, which has been approved by members of the association.

We are in agreement that 4-H, FFA, Grange, and CDFA Fairs and Expositions Branch will unite in an effort to support the ethical and humane treatment of all animals at fairs and expositions and in the production of a healthy and safe food supply. We also agree to reinforce the educational emphasis of competitive programs for plants, animals and maintain the standards of integrity of all participants while attending endorsed fairs and expositions or other sponsored events.

This agreement is effective on October 1, 2020 and remains in effect indefinitely until modified or terminated by mutual consent.

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ADDENDUM #1
4-H, FFA, GRANGE AND INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT

Ownership Projects Classified by Production Unit

The following livestock and crop categories have been agreed to be "different" from each other based on production unit classification.

Dairy Cattle (Including Replacement Heifers)
Beef Cattle (Including Veal)
Poultry
Rabbits
Swine
Sheep
Dairy Goats
Meat Goats
Pygmy Goats
Fiber/Oil Crops
Floriculture
Grain
Landscape Management
Nursery Operations
Outdoor Recreation
Pomology
Specialty Crops
Turf Grass
Vegetables
Viticulture

Transfers to FFA

Students desiring to transfer projects to FFA must notify **both** the FFA Advisor and the 4-H or Grange project leader of their intent to transfer and drop/add their project at a period of time not less than the period required for ownership and supervision of that project. To be eligible to be a member of FFA and exhibit a project under FFA a student must: 1.) be pre-enrolled in an agriculture education course, 2.) be affiliated with the State FFA organization, 3.) be legal owner of the project and be supervised by the FFA Advisor for the period of time required by agreement for this project production classification, and 4.) keep records of conduct of the project. Under this agreement, students can transfer projects to FFA and drop them from 4-H or Grange prior to completion of the sixth grade. Under no circumstances, however, may a student exhibit as an FFA member prior to official completion of the sixth grade.