

What is the 4-H Animal Science Program?....

Showing livestock in Alabama 4-H provides many learning opportunities and rewarding experiences for the exhibitor and his/her families. The objective of the steer project is to develop life skills by using beef cattle as a training tool. By making cattle selection decisions and management decisions that affect the daily care of animals, and by understanding each animal contributes to the food-chain, the 4-H'ers learn many important life skills. By participating in shows and competitions, they practice leadership, responsibility, decision making, self-motivation, stress management, animal ethics, record keeping and many other important skills



4-H members learn about grooming & daily animal care.

The Animal Science Program promotes teamwork and provides educational opportunities for youth to develop skills in financial management and record keeping, time management, and goal setting. Youth learn responsibility and develop as good citizens and leaders.

4-H Club Leadership and Activities

Mr. Coy Smith, a 4-H Alumni, Randy Owen Scholarship winner, and professional cattle fitter, currently serves as the *4-H Volunteer Leader* of the Mobile County 4-H Animal Science Club. Approximately 50 students, ages 9-18 are registered as 4-H club members. Each year, the club travels to Montgomery and Auburn University to participate in cattle events such as B.E.E.F. – U, Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association Round-Up, and other workshops and educational activities. Many of the 4-H members are also members of the Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association, which is sponsored by the Mobile County Cattlemen's Association. The Greater Gulf State Fair will host the 4-H & FFA Feeder Steer Show, Saturday, October 22, 2011.



Mrs. Maranda Marks, Mobile County Agent Assistant for Alabama Cooperative Extension provides Extension leadership to the program.



4-H Steer Show Exhibitors & Leaders for 2010.

About the 4-H Market Steer Project....

The 4-H Market Steer Project begins with the purchase and weigh-in of the calves. The 4-H'er is responsible for producing a marketable, finished steer. The 4-H'er provides the appropriate ration to develop the best market beef possible while attending to the health and well-being of their animal.



Volunteer Leader, Coy Smith, teaches 4-H'ers cattle grooming.

They groom, exercise, and train their steer in preparation for the show in the spring. The 4-H'er exhibits his/her steer at the Greater Gulf State Fair Annual 4-H & FFA Feeder Steer Show in October and at the Mobile County Market Steer Show in February. The project culminates in an Annual Auction Sale in March where 4-H'ers reap the benefits of a year of hard work and where the community has the opportunity to financially support an outstanding youth educational program. The project concludes with the Annual 4-H Steer Show Recognition Program.

Volunteer and Community Support....

Over 100 buyers, sponsors, and volunteers help make the 4-H Animal Science program a success in Mobile County!



This program is made possible by the continued support of dedicated volunteers (above) and buyers (below).



Interested in supporting 4-H Animal Science as a buyer, sponsor, or volunteer? Contact:

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