## **Auglaize County 4-H Project Judging**

- 1. A member's project is considered complete when an advisor's project grade is assigned. Judging and fair participation are optional for all projects.
- 2. Members must receive a grade A from their club advisor to be eligible for project placings. Projects that receive B's or C's will not be eligible to compete for placings or awards in graded classes. Members are permitted to participate in project related non-graded events, such as the style review or livestock showmanship. Members taking eligible projects should review additional rules pertaining to these events and award eligibility.
- 3. Members must attend the appropriate regularly scheduled judging date for their project to be eligible for awards and placings. Alternate dates are not scheduled except as stated below.
- 4. Members not attending the regularly scheduled project days:
  - a. still projects accept their advisor grade to be considered a complete project and receive credit for the 4-H year. Member may display project in fair booth, but will not be eligible for awards or premium money.
  - b. livestock members are ineligible for awards for classes in which project judging occurs. Showmanship classes are exempt. All 4-H members must have their livestock interview on the regularly scheduled date in order to be eligible for county awards. The only exception to this rule will be when a 4-H member has been selected to represent Auglaize County at a state 4-H event or the Ohio State Fair. State Fair tryouts, however, do not take the place of regular scheduled judging. The alternate plan applies only to livestock interviews because the actual project animal is not placed at the interview, it is an advanced step to get to the fair and have the project animal placed.

An alternate judging plan will be made only when the member is showing at state fair or attending the state 4-H event on the SAME day as the interviews. Alternate judging will be conducted prior to the regular interview date. This date will be established by the 4-H educator. If a member fails to attend the alternate date or the regular judging date, the member will not be eligible for county awards.

Only the specie being shown at state fair on the interview date will be allowed an alternate judging plan. All regular judging requirements stand for any other species being shown by the member. Member must return a signed form verifying their participation at state on the date of the regular judging day. Failure to return this form will result in the member not being eligible for county awards.

Livestock can still be sold through the sale ring.

- 5. In addition, there will be no alternative judging for livestock interviews unless:
  - 1. 4-Hmember is hospitalized for an unplanned condition. Documentation will be required.

2. funeral of an immediate family member in on the same day as interviews. Immediate family is considered parent (or legal guardian), grandparent, sibling, aunt/uncle. This definition includes "step" relationships mentioned above. Documentation must be presented as evidence of relationship and date of the funeral.