Dear Friends of 4-H/FFA:

Well, it’s that time of year again. Summer is almost over and 4-H/FFA kids are preparing to embark on another fair. As you know 4-H/FFA kids work very hard to raise their top quality animals, but most important is that they learn a lot in the process. While caring for an animal, they learn responsibility and reliability on themselves. Not only that, but most of them learn people skills and other career skills such as record keeping and public speaking. 4-H and FFA programs leave a big mark on the people that it touches.

Please join us for the Jackson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. This is your opportunity to support the local 4-H and FFA youth in the county. The Livestock Sale marks the culmination of months of hard work when these kids offer their project animals for sale to the highest bidder. The sale helps provide youth the funds to begin the next year’s projects as well as funds for the upcoming college careers. Ultimately, you will help support a unique educational program in agriculture.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation!

Jackson County 4-H’ers/FFA’ers

WHAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT?

The purpose of the 4-H livestock program is to provide opportunities for young people to develop character. The character identified and some practices (exercises) that may build character follow:

1. **Trustworthiness** – includes honesty, promise keeping and loyalty.
   ✴ daily feeding and watering of the animals (promise keeping)
   ✴ adheres to possession deadlines (honestly)
   ✴ adheres to withdrawal time on drugs & dewormers
   ✴ uses only approved drugs

2. **Respect** – includes courtesy and proper treatment of people and things.
   ✴ proper handling of animals, treat humanely
   ✴ proper care of animals
   ✴ listens to and follows advice of advisors

3. **Responsibility** – includes the pursuit of excellence, accountability and perseverance.
   ✴ going beyond providing the daily needs of the animal in giving additional time & attention to produce a winner
   ✴ Adheres to deadlines for entry form and for arrival for livestock shows
   ✴ never gives up in the show ring (perseverance)

4. **Fairness** – involves consistently applying rules and standards appropriately for different age groups and ability levels.
   ✴ feeds only approved livestock rations
   ✴ uses only approved drugs
   ✴ accepts winning or losing with grace
   ✴ conduct in the show follows recommended procedure
   ✴ fitting and grooming of animals follows recommended procedures

5. **Caring** – promoting the well being of people and things in a young person’s world. It denotes action and not just feeling.
   ✴ daily feeding and watering
   ✴ provides clean barn stall for animals
   ✴ treats animals humanely at all times

6. **Citizenship** – includes making the home, community and country a better place to live for themselves and others.
   ✴ accepting and losing with grace
   ✴ winning and losing with grace
   ✴ helping others at stock shows
   ✴ teaching younger members
   ✴ treating animals humanely
   ✴ ensuring that your meat animal is safe for consumption

Thank you for your support!
The opportunities for exercising character listed are not intended to be complete, but to express the idea that the 4-H/FFA livestock projects offer numerous ways for young people to build character. It is the responsibility of adults to ensure that all exercise that children are practicing is building positive character traits. While recognizing that a young child must have some help to halter break a calf or to shear a lamb, the idea is for parents and leaders to insist that the child does all he or she is capable of doing.

It should be pointed out that the tasks of daily feeding and watering contribute to the strengthening of at least four of the six core values. It is also important to recognize that the size of the animal does not have any effect on the value of the project for young people to develop. Therefore, a child may learn the same things and have the same opportunity to exercise character with a rabbit as with a steer project.

Questions about the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale can be addressed to the:
Jackson County Fairboard or
Jackson County 4-H Council in care of the
Meadowlark Extension Office:
114 West 5th
Holton, KS 66436
785-364-4125

* Please make payment the night of the sale to one of our sale clerks at the announcers booth! Check should be made payable to the Jackson County Livestock Sale.

* Livestock sale order bills will be available by Thursday morning, July 22, at the fairgrounds.