

# TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION

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**Title:** Beef Project Leader for \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club in \_\_\_\_\_ County

### 4-H Project Leader Advisor:

County Extension Agent - 4-H and Youth Development, or Agent serving as County 4-H Coordinator

### Purpose of the 4-H Project Leader:

Provide structured learning experiences, personal guidance as well as counseling in Beef project opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the Beef project.

### Benefits of serving as a 4-H Project Leader:

- Gain and/or enhance knowledge and skills in the Beef subject matter area.
- Be a significant part of the educational and developmental process for youth.
- Foster the development and growth of successful youth-adult partnerships.
- See the impact the 4-H and Youth Development Program has in the county.
- Experience personal growth from serving as a project leader.

### Responsibilities of the 4-H Project Leader:

- Provide structured learning experiences for youth enrolled in the Beef project.
- Request training and project materials through the club manager or county Extension agent.
- Become acquainted with the project and activities related to the Beef project. The project experiences are listed in the Texas 4-H Clover, found online at: [texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/)
- Obtain a list of 4-H members in the club/county that are interested in the Beef project.
- Develop an annual project plan based on:
  - Project educational objectives
  - Level of members' experiences
  - Members' specific interests
  - Resources available
- Conduct project meetings and activities.
- Assist members with setting goals and keeping records of achievements in project.
- Provide opportunities for 4-H members to participate in other 4-H activities and events.
- Involve members as junior and teen leaders.
- Encourage parent interest, involvement and support of 4-H activities.
- Coordinate project group activities with club manager and other leaders of the club.
- Provide recognition for members and supporting parents/adults.

### Qualifications and Special Skills:

- Reside in the county.
- Registered as a direct volunteer for the county 4-H program, by completing an enrollment through 4-H Connect.
- Passed a criminal background check through the Youth Protection Standards Program within the past three years.
- Participate in Volunteer Orientation.
- Value the development of positive life skills in youth.
- Value diversity among youth and other adults involved in the 4-H program, creating and maintaining a 4-H project experience where all children feel welcome and opportunities are made available.

### Time Required:



For more information about this project, or about 4-H in general, contact your local County Extension Office or visit the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

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Project leaders serve a one-year term. The 4-H year runs from September 1 thru August 31 of the following year. 4-H projects are implemented throughout the year; however, project events and activities are sometimes concentrated over a span of a few months.

### Resources and Support Available:

- 4-H Beef Leaders Guide - 4-H AS3-1.025
- Managing Beef Cattle for Show - AS 1-2
- Using Expected Progeny Differences (EPD) and Scenarios in Livestock Judging Contests
- Animal Science Skills for Life - 4-HCCS PC-6372
- A Guide to Raising Beef Cattle - ST-037-4 (N4-HC)
- Your Calf - A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing Beef and Dairy Calves - ST-947-8
- National 4-H Curriculum ([www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org)):
- Beef 1 - Bite into Beef
- Beef 2 - Here's the Beef
- Beef 3 - Leading the Charge
- Beef Group Helper's Guide
- Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu> )
- Feeds and Feeding for Junior Beef Cattle Projects
- Managing Beef Cattle for Show
- Sick Calves: How Do You Know
- Texas Show Steer Breed Classification
- The Facts on Optaflexx™
- Use of Preventative & Therapeutic Drugs in Show Animals
- Approach to Placing a Market Steer Class
- Breeding Beef Cattle Judging Outline
- Evaluating Market Steers from a Grading Standpoint
- Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures
- Presentation of Oral Reasons
- Reasons Terminology for Breeding Cattle
- Reasons Terminology for Market Steers
- Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by Former Members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Team
- Why Judging Beef Cattle is Important

If interested, respond to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office in your county.



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