

# YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

Embracing our Past.  
Engaging our Present.  
Defining our Future.

## *in action*



### AN ASSESSMENT OF THE TEXAS 4-H AND FFA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM: SCOPE, PERCEPTIONS, AND RETURN-ON-INVESTMENT

(Three surveys – CEA, AST, livestock exhibitor families)

The livestock project fosters an environment for increasing educational outcomes and life skill traits such as: responsibility, SPORTSMANSHIP, **work ethic**, RESPECT, ETHICAL DECISION MAKING, ANIMAL SCIENCE AND FOOD SUPPLY KNOWLEDGE **safe animal handling & welfare** and producing safe food animal products.

ALL 3 RESPONDENT GROUPS AGREED life skills (99.5%) and educational outcomes (98.5%) learned through the livestock project are *relevant* relevant in real-world application.

# 97.90%

of all respondents agreed participation in the livestock project is **worth the investment** when all intrinsic and extrinsic returns were considered.

ALL 3 RESPONDENT GROUPS INDICATED the livestock project is *definitely worth* the investment in the areas of: family time spent together, educational outcomes, life skill development, professional connections, and career preparation.



Livestock exhibitor families reported they invested approximately 25.88 hours per exhibitor per week in time spent with their livestock projects. Texas young people invest an estimated

# 37,234,635.40

hours per year working with their livestock!

