

Lots of responsibility in raising 4-H market animals



Kathleen Greenup works on showmanship during fair. Some 4-H'ers work with their fair animals year round.

Oregon 4-H members raising market animals for sale have the same responsibility as commercial producers to deliver a wholesome, healthful product to the consumer, points out Brad Jeffreys, Oregon State University Extension 4-H youth specialist.

That's why Jeffreys and Don Hansen, OSU Extension veterinarian, have introduced a new educational program called "Quality Assurance and Animal Care" that's intended to help 4-H members and leaders address genuine concerns about food safety and quality on the part of

consumers.

The work in Oregon is part of a national effort supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase awareness of management practices that lead to wholesome meat and dairy products, he explains.

"Much of the information is already available in Oregon 4-H project materials for sheep, beef, swine and dairy animals," the specialist stresses. "This new program highlights management practices and issues of attitudes and responsibility that are important when raising market animals

for human consumption."

Divided into six lessons, each of which takes about a day to complete, "Quality Assurance and Animal Care" will be a voluntary program available to 4-H leaders later this year, he notes. The lessons cover animal handling and safety, feeds and feeding, housing, animal health and product quality.

"We're trying to get 4-H in to the forefront in this area," Jeffreys explained. "We want to educate 4-H participants and we also want the young people to be able to inform buyers about product quality."

This is particularly important in states like Oregon where it is increasingly difficult to find USDA-inspected meat packing plants that will process 4-H animals. The 4-H member needs to be able to explain his or her management practices that result in a wholesome product approaching USDA standards, he believes.

Each year, Oregon 4-H'ers sell hundreds of head of beef, lambs and hogs to consumers, often at auctions held in conjunction with county fairs. Nationally it is estimated that between 800,000 and 900,000 head of market animals are sold by 4-H members for human consumption.

OSU, Washington State University and the Ohio State University cooperated in producing the "Quality Assurance and Animal Care" program. Hansen developed the unit about animal well-being and product quality through proper animal health practices.

Educators are trying to help young people develop a sound health program for animals, comply with medication labels and to learn about types and proper administration of injectable products.

Development of "Quality Assurance and Animal Care" was supported by food safety initiative funds administered by the Extension Service, USDA.



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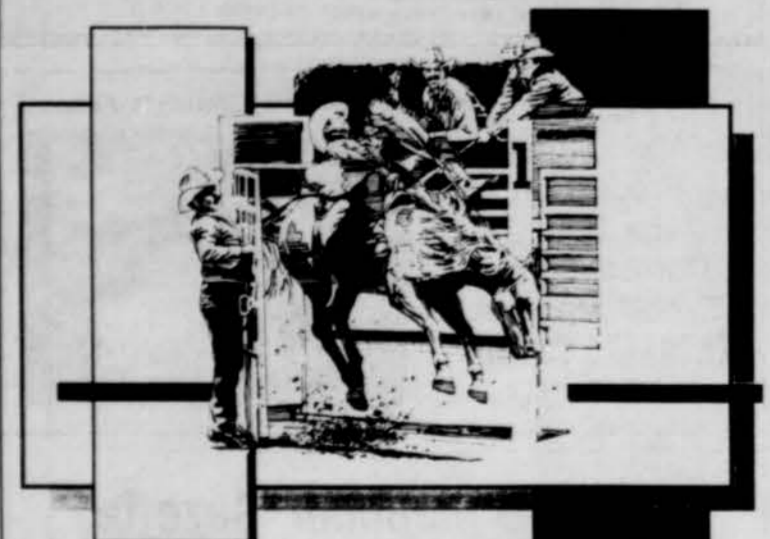
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