Who We Are

The 4-H Livestock Club is a group of 4-H youth and adults who meet to work on Animal Science related project work. Members enjoy working with others who are interested in animals, mainly livestock, to achieve project goals and build relationships while having fun. Adults enjoy the opportunity to learn with their children, build relationships with other adults and teach youth. Many families who participate in showing livestock enjoy the chance to work together as a family to achieve a common goal.

The group meets monthly from September to May. During the summer months many are actively participating in livestock shows. Contact the UT Extension Office to find out when the next meeting/event will be held.
The 4-H Program in Sullivan County is conducted through the University of Tennessee Extension. 4-H is open to all residents of the county who are in the 4th-12th grades (ages 9-19). 4-H is a program which offers a wide variety of project areas for youth to become better leaders, citizens, and more knowledgeable individuals. The 4-H Livestock Club focuses on the Animal Science related projects which include: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Sheep, and Swine. Of these Sullivan County has the most participation in the Beef and Sheep projects when it comes to exhibiting the livestock in 4-H related shows. Horse is also an Animal Science project in 4-H, however due to the large number of youth interested in horses in Sullivan County we have additional project groups which are volunteer led and separate from the Livestock Club. Also many of the youth who are enrolled in an animal science project are interested in the Veterinary Science project as well. Whatever your interest we have a project area for everyone.

4-H Project Work
The main goal for 4-H members is to complete a project portfolio each year. This is simply an organized book of what has been done in the chosen project. Forms are available on the state 4-H website, www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/ , that are to be used to create this project portfolio. Members are encouraged to keep good records during 4th and 5th grades and to construct a portfolio beginning in the 6th grade. Each year a new section is added to record the project activities until the member reaches the 12th grade. Completion of a project portfolio during 6-8th grades, Junior High, can qualify a member to be an Achievement Day winner or help them to participate in the 4-H Academic Conference. Members in the 9-12th grades, Senior High, can earn their way to the State 4-H Round-Up to compete in project competitions. At Round-Up state project winners are chosen who will go on to represent TN at the National 4-H Congress.

Service Projects
The 4-H Livestock Club members do more than just learning about their individual project. The group is involved in several community service projects throughout the year. These have included volunteering at the local Food Bank, Historic Rocky Mount, and promoting the BEEF industry.

Events and Activities
There are numerous events/activities that 4-H Livestock Club members can participate in.

- Livestock & Meats Judging
- Livestock Shows
- Farm Expo
- Public Speaking
- 4-H Achievement Day
- Local Festivals/Parades
- Area Fairs
- Outdoor Meat Cookery
- UT Vet Science Open House
- AND MANY MORE!