

2016-2017 Guidelines: Moore Farm 4-H Program

Background

In 2014 a partnership was developed with the City of Arvada for use of city property at 72nd and Ward referred to as *Moore Farm*. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for youth with interest in the 4-H program to house livestock and provide an effective and efficient use of a portion of the *Moore Farm* property.

The City and CSU Extension 4-H program agreed to a pilot year with one steer to assess the program and potential for the future. In 2015, one sponsored steer was raised on the property and sold at the Jeffco Livestock Sale during the County Fair; egg-producing chickens were also raised on the farm and currently remain on the farm. In 2016 we added meat production chickens and hope to expand in the future.

Overview of 2017 Continuation of the Program

Upon review of the successes and challenges of this pilot, an expansion of the program will take place in 2017 with ongoing review of the success and potential needs for change. The 2017 program will consist of an application process to house a **maximum** of the following in 2017:

- Two market steers – One sponsored steer, one steer purchased by the youth.
- Chickens – egg producing – 25
- Chickens – market – 18 chickens, 6 each for 3 4-H youth
- Bees - 5 hives
- Market Swine – More Information Coming Soon!

Requirements

- Participating youth must be or become 4-H members and belong to a chartered 4-H club.
- Sponsored steer will be awarded only to a 4-H member who is at least a Senior level member (14-18 years of age). One steer will be purchased by the youth and allowed to be housed at Moore Farm.
- Participating youth must attend a Record Book Workshop and maintain a Record Book for the project.
- Youth are expected to complete the entire project and Record Book; parents provide ONLY support and encouragement.
- Youth housing animals at Moore Farm must attend monthly Livestock Council meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the CSU Extension Office, ECMR meeting room starting at 7:00 p.m.
- Visits to the property and delivery of livestock and other materials will be focused on the 4-H year of October 1-September 30.
- Young calves must be on the property by January 30. Market Swine must be on property by April 30. Market Chickens must be owned by June 15.

- Youth will provide all feed, vet/medical and equipment/supplies (NOTE: a limited supply of livestock equipment/supplies will be available ON LOAN at the 4-H office; use of these supplies will require a deposit to be returned when the equipment/supplies are returned in good condition to the 4-H office.)
- 4-H Code of Conduct must be followed at all times.
- Proper care must be taken of all animals and other projects.
- At all times the participating members must respect the *Moore Farm* property, the family living on the property and City of Arvada staff, and abide by all City of Arvada rules and regulations.
- 4-H member can be removed from the property at any time at the discretion of the 4-H agents.
- Participating youth will provide a monthly update letter to Barbie Garnett by the last day of each month. Barbie will share the letter with sponsor(s) and other partners in the program.
- Any concerns or questions about the program should be directed to the 4-H agent: Barbie Garnett.
- Time limits for participation in this program:
 - Market steer – one year
 - Chickens – market - up to two years
 - Chickens – producing – up to five years
 - Market Swine – up to two years
 - Bees – up to five years

Youth wishing to participate in successive years as outlined above must request their interest in writing, signed by his/her parent; this will be approved based on adherence to all rules and guidelines established for this program.

Application and selection process

- Apply using the [attached] application.
- Submit Market Beef application **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. December 9, 2016** to the 4-H office. Market Swine application, **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. February 3, 2017**, Market Chicken application, **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. April 14, 2017**, Beekeeping application, anytime between, December 9, 2016 and April 14, 2017.
- Selection will be made by a committee that will include but not be limited to: 4-H agent, livestock superintendent, 4-H leader, and the City of Arvada.
- The final selection process will include an interview.
- Selection decision will be made no later than 10 days after interview process.