Tips & Tricks

CANADA
4-H Ontario

Livestock Projects

Get in the Kitchen

While it may seem unconventional for a livestock project, incorporate recipes and cooking into a meeting. For example, milkshakes, homemade burger patties, or a pork grilled cheese.

Show up Show Ready

Have members attend a virtual meeting in their show attire. Use this as an opportunity to talk about showmanship and putting our best foot forward.

Quiz Terminology

When learning about livestock there is a lot of new terminology for members. At the end of each meeting quiz members on the terms covered. Use an interactive software like Kahoot or create a Jeopardy style competition.

Industry Resources

Many industry groups and companies have developed virtual resources over the pandemic. Checkout their websites for videos, downloads and ideas for content.

Go Beyond Borders

Learn about livestock and farming practices elsewhere in Canada or even internationally, this is a great way to engage new speakers.

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Work with Products

Find ways to incorporate working with animal products into your programming. For example, try crafting with wool or leather.

Career Options

Senior members are at the age where they are thinking about post-secondary. Highlight these options by talking about career and education options. This is a great opportunity for guest speakers.

Thank a Farmer

It's important that members acknowledge the contribution our local formers have on the 4-H program. Have members prepare a thank you card, bake cookies, or make a gift to present a local farmer who supports 4-H.

Live from the Barn

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Independant Activities

Every meeting, assign members with at home independent activities specific to working with their project animal (if possible). Have members take photos to submit before the next meeting.

Visit the Virtual Resource Library:
www.4-hontario.ca