

4-H LIVESTOCK



HOME VISIT CHECKLIST

The 4-H livestock program is a vital part of Louisiana 4-H, and participants gain life skills that help to develop future leaders. Although 4-H agents are no longer making routine home visits to assess livestock projects, there are times when a home visit is necessary. This checklist can be used as a guide when making a livestock project home visit and can serve as a way for 4-H agents to engage in conversation with the livestock exhibitor. If needed, advise the exhibitor on what should be done to improve the situation. If you are unable to advise, contact the state 4-H livestock specialist for further guidance.

Species (choose one): Beef Dairy Swine Sheep Goats Horses Rabbits Poultry

Date of visit: _____

Questions to consider (all may not apply)	Yes	No	Comments
Is the animal project located at the exhibitor's home or an approved location?			
Does the animal have access to shelter that provides adequate shade and protection?			
Is the shelter free of dangerous objects (sharp points, broken boards, etc.)			
Is the pen free of excess manure, and does there appear to be a proper way to dispose of it?			
Does the animal appear to be free of flies or other external parasites?			
Does the animal have access to fresh, clean water?			
Does the animal have access to feed or a feeding area?			
Does the animal appear to be underconditioned (too thin)?			
Does the animal appear to be overconditioned (too fat)?			
Does the animal appear to be alert and in good health?			
Does the animal have any nasal or ocular discharge?			
Does the animal appear to be free of noticeable defects (warts, cuts, abscesses)?			
If multiple animals are housed together, does there appear to be adequate space for all?			
Is the animal in a pen or area that can be easily cleaned and drained and has proper footing?			

Additional comments?

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