Purposes of Tennessee Junior Livestock Program

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A. To aid the development of youth into responsible American citizens by:
   • teaching responsibility and developing self-esteem through working with animals that depend on the member to provide proper feed, care and management;
   • teaching decision making, communications, leadership and other life skills;
   • teaching the value, use and management of money through its investment in animals, feed, etc. and receiving a profit or loss for its use;
   • teaching sportsmanship and cooperation through participation in shows and working with other members.

B. To help youth gain skills in:
   • selecting the kind of animal that will gain rapidly, make efficient gains and produce a high quality product;
   • humane management and care of animals
   • feeding animals for optimum growth and proper developments;
   • grooming and showing steers, heifers, lambs and ewes;
   • record keeping.

C. To help youth gain an appreciation for:
   • the role of the livestock industry in agriculture and its contribution to society;
   • the value of a properly planned health program;
   • the complex system of a ruminant animal
   • the importance of proper growth and development of breeding animals in building productive foundation purebred and commercial herds of their own.

D. To provide Tennessee 4-H and FFA members with the opportunity to compete and gain recognition for their efforts, knowledge, skills and accomplishments in selecting, feeding, training, showing and marketing of meat animals.

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