

## Memorandum

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To: Colorado County Extension Agents

Re: Colorado 4-H Premises Registration Policy for 2007-08 4-H Year

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Over the past 12 months several Extension staff members and I have conducted educational meetings and attended county listening sessions around the state related to premises registration. This and other information was carefully examined by the 4-H livestock task force committee members at their September 19, 2007 meeting. The livestock task force has revised their recommendation to the State 4-H office regarding premises registration of 4-H livestock and horse projects. Based on this information and after consultation with Extension Director Deb Young, I have made the following policy decision on this matter.

As of October 1, 2007, the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program's policy regarding this issue is:

All 4-H members with livestock and horse projects will be required to have a completed, signed, and approved "Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects" on file at their county Extension office at time of enrollment. It is highly recommended that Colorado 4-H livestock project animals (beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, llama and horse) have a premises registration with the National Animal Identification System.

We believe this policy is a bold step forward to enhance the traceability of 4-H livestock and horse project animals in Colorado to a higher level than that of the past year. The animal care form insures that 4-H members do their own work on their livestock project animals. Moreover, use of this form captures information about species, location the animal(s) is housed, and contact information that can be used in an animal disease outbreak situation. This information will be held at the local level for use in an animal disease emergency.

Although premises registration is not required for enrollment in the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program, the Colorado State 4-H office and the Colorado 4-H Livestock Task Force supports the Colorado State Fair's premises registration requirement.

If you have any questions about this or any other Colorado 4-H policy, please call me at 970.491.1152 or e-mail me at [Jeff.Goodwin@Colostate.edu](mailto:Jeff.Goodwin@Colostate.edu).