**4-H Animal Science Bio-Security Proficiency Research Project**

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What will we do?

* Learn and adopt best practices to assess and prevent disease
* Understand and lessen bio-security risk in market and breeding stock
* Learn to conduct water, feed and fecal sampling

Why should I do it?

* “Treatment” group members will receive bio-security proficiency pins
* Bragging rights – tell your potential buyers that you used bio-security best practices in raising your animals
* Potential to reduce veterinary bills, raise healthier animals and get higher market prices

What is it?

* Eleven-county research project
* For animal science project members between the ages of 9 – 15 taking a market and/or breeding sheep, swine, dairy cattle, beef cattle, goat to the Monterey, Santa Cruz and/or San Benito County Fairs in 2015
* For animal science project leaders

What do Project Leaders need to know?

* Project leaders will receive training, curriculum and materials at no cost
* Participate in one face-to-face workshop on April 25 (9a – 3p) in Watsonville and two phone/video conferences (June 10 and July 22, 6 – 8pm)
* Deliver bio-security project in conjunction with your animal science project meetings

How do I participate?

* Talk to your project leader
* Attend an informational meeting;
  + 1/31/15 @ 9:30AM in Watsonville
  + 2/16/15 @ 7p, in Hollister
  + 3/7/15 @ 10:00am in Salinas
* Register at: <http://ucanr.edu/cc4hbiosecurity> by March 16, 2015
* Contact the Animal Bio-Security Program Coordinator Julie Katawicz at [jkatawicz@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jkatawicz@ucdavis.edu)

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When will it happen?

* Members will begin implementing the bio-security practices to their project work in April after they have purchased their 2015 fair animals.

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