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To: 4-H Beef Project Leaders, 4-H'ers, & Staff

From: Laura A. Marek,  
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Re: 2019 ESE 4-H Beef Program

The online entry system should be up and running in January. The “4-H Beef Packet 1” should also be up on the Big E website. You can access the beef packet by going to the website: www.thebige.com. Look under “agriculture”, then “youth”, and finally “4-H”. The Beef packet can be downloaded from there. (Beef Packet I)

Steers must be tagged and entered by February 1, 2019 to be eligible for the show. I can be available Jan. 19 & 20 to tag steers as well as Jan. 26 & 27, or some evenings/afternoons after school.

YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME.

If weather is a problem, I will deal with it as necessary. Let me know, as soon as you can, the number of steers you will be entering.

You can e-mail me at: laura.marek@uconn.edu with your information, or call me at the numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Heifers do not need to be tagged. The entry deadline for heifers is May 10, 2019. Of course, you can enter them at any time prior to May 10th. Once again there will be a class for commercial heifers, same rules and age breakdown as registered animals, just not registered. Please let me know by mid February, if you expect to have heifer entries submitted. Don’t forget to check the rules for each show, especially ages and classes for heifers.

Be sure to read all rules and regulations for this program. Remember. In addition to entering on time, CT 4-H’ers are required to show the animals entered at their local 4-H Fair in order to qualify to participate in the ESE 4-H Beef program. If you enter 3 animals in the ESE program, but only show one as your 4-H project at the fair, that is the only animal that qualifies.

Please be aware that rules for the 4-H Beef program at ESE will be adhered to. Violators will be disqualified. Keep in mind that when you check your animals in at the scales in September, you must submit your completed records at that time. If not, you will be going home. Once animals are checked in, they are the
4-H member’s responsibility and must be kept in the designated areas.

I still need the signature sheet filled out and sent to me:
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   843 University Dr.
   Torrington, CT  06790

Any questions? Call me at the Torrington Office - 860-626-6240. If you need to reach me after office hours call or text 860-305-4529.

Please get this information to anyone interested in applying. If a 4-H’er is not sure about going, apply anyway, as once the deadline is passed you cannot enter. (You can always choose not to go at a later date.)

Just a note- I am retiring as of Jan1 2019- but I will be continuing to work with the ESE4-H Beef program for CT and the committee. I will be hired back in a part time position. My email may not be working- not sure of this yet- but you can text me or call me on my cell phone above. Also email anything to Jann Tanner at the Litchfield County Extension Center: Jann@uconn.edu