UF/IFAS Extension-Escambia County 4-H Livestock Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gulf Coast Agricultural and Natural Resources Association (GCA&NRA)

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Florida Board of Trustees, on behalf of the UF/IFAS Extension Escambia County 4-H Youth Program (4-H), and the Gulf Coast Agricultural and Natural Resources Association (GCA&NRA), an organization created to provide livestock opportunities for youth participants that include shows, clinics and seminars.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted legislation in 1914 known as the Smith-Lever Act, providing for Cooperative Extension Work; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the 4-H Youth Development Program and authorization for use of the 4-H name and emblem within Florida rests with the Dean of Extension, State 4-H Program Leader and designated County Extension/4-H faculty members; and

WHEREAS, all efforts regarding 4-H shall comply with all University of Florida, IFAS, Extension and 4-H Youth Development Program policies as required of any group using the 4-H name and emblem; and

WHEREAS, Escambia County has dedicated the property that it owns located at 5600 Chalker Road, Molino, FL, [the 4-H Livestock Property] for the use of 4-H Extension programs, including but not limited to animal science programs.

Therefore, in order to provide cooperative support to provide an annual opportunity for 4-H, FFA and other youth to participate in a livestock show at the 4-H Livestock Property, the two parties agree on the following policies and procedures:

Escambia County 4-H Agrees:

1. 4-H will be responsible for livestock facility maintenance and upkeep of the 4-H Livestock Property.
2. 4-H will maintain the calendar for use of livestock facilities, with preference given to GCA&NRA in scheduling a spring livestock show at the 4-H Livestock Property.
3. 4-H will recruit, train and certify all 4-H volunteers as established by the Youth Protection Policy of UF/IFAS Extension.
4. 4-H will request and coordinate Escambia County labor for setup and breakdown at the 4-H Livestock Property.
Gulf Coast Agriculture and Natural Resources Association Agrees:

1. To identify a certified 4-H volunteer and/or staff to be present at all livestock activities involving 4-H youth.
2. To be responsible for organizing an annual spring show, sale and procuring livestock judges on the 4-H Livestock Property.
3. To use the 4-H emblem or name, or the names, logos, and trademarks of the University of Florida, only if prior permission is given by the Dean for Extension or the Dean’s designee.
4. To refrain from any fundraising on the 4-H Livestock Property unless prior specific written permission is given by the Escambia County 4-H Agent.
5. To be responsible for all funding of all events for the annual Spring Youth Livestock Show and Sale on the 4-H Livestock Property.
6. To be wholly responsible for all funds associated with premiums, donations and sale of livestock at the annual spring youth livestock show and sale.
7. To provide adequate insurance for the event as approved by BOCC Escambia County Risk Management.

GCA&NRA and 4-H mutually agree:

1. All livestock shows at the 4-H Livestock Property will follow UF/IFAS Extension 4H guidelines for youth participation.
2. A safety, parking, waste management, health and sanitation plan must be in place for all activities, including but not limited to events, clinics and shows, at the 4-H Livestock Property.
3. All youth participating as 4-H members must be certified by Extension in their respective counties by date of animal weigh-in.
4. All Florida Department of Agriculture policies, procedures and rules will be followed including best management practices with livestock at all shows, seminars and events held on the 4-H Property.
5. Extension will provide the educational programming content for 4-H.
6. Extension will accept responsibility for all 4-H appeals in cooperation with GCA&NRA regarding the Spring Livestock Show as noted in the rules and guidelines of the GCA&NRA.
7. 4-H has first refusal for concessions at any event held on the 4-H Property including the Spring Livestock Show. All parties doing concessions must follow state and county food safety and sanitation guidelines.
8. All improvements/equipment left on the 4-H Livestock Property for more than 48 hours become the property of 4-H unless prior arrangements have been made with Extension/4-H.
9. GCA&NRA and 4-H are independent contractors, and neither party may act as agent for the other or enter into any contract, warranty, or representation on behalf of the other. Neither party is bound by the acts or conduct of the other.
10. This MOU and any activities conducted at the 4-H Livestock Property are governed by the laws of the State of Florida, the regulations of the University of Florida, and the policies and guidelines of 4-H.

Duration:

This memorandum shall be in effect upon execution by all the parties and shall remain in force until it is rescinded in writing by any one of the parties.

Signatures:

The undersigned warrant that they are duly authorized on behalf of the body they represent to sign this Memorandum and bind their respective parties to the terms of this agreement.

Date 11/20/14  
Jack M. Payne, Sr.  
Sr. Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date 3/11/15  
President, GCA&NRA