

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION
IDAHO DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

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It is the policy of the University of Idaho Extension, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Idaho Division of Professional Technical Education through the Agricultural Science & Technology Program to work closely together to provide educational opportunities to the youth of Idaho through the 4-H Youth Development and FFA programs.

Agricultural Education and the University of Idaho Extension are public services available to all youth of appropriate age. Each organization should take every opportunity to promote the programming of the other. Youth education and cooperation should be the focus in all secondary school-based agriculture education (SBAE)/FFA and 4-H relationships. In all activities or programs affecting both groups, agriculture teachers and Extension Educators/4-H Coordinators should cooperate fully in developing programs jointly. With the focus on cooperation, the effort will be fostered, and greater accomplishments will be evident in both organizations.

The following statements are intended to guide how Idaho Agricultural Education Instructors/ FFA Advisors and University of Idaho Extension Educators/4-H Coordinators and 4-H staff should work together:

1. University of Idaho Extension Educators/4-H Coordinators, Agricultural Science & Technology instructors, and other cooperating agencies in agriculture in all counties should work to promote the greatest possible coordination of the activities of all organizations.
2. To promote agriculture, leadership, and other life skills opportunities, Idaho FFA and Idaho Agricultural Education, including staff and teachers, will support their members being active in the 4-H program and encourage them to participate at every level. Likewise, the University of Idaho Extension/4-H, including staff and faculty, will encourage their members to be involved in the Idaho FFA program and activities. The public understanding should be that both the Idaho FFA and the University of Idaho Extension 4-H programs accept, support, and encourage participation by members of both organizations.
3. Youth may be members of both 4-H and FFA at the same time as long as the member meets requirements for both programs, including maintaining records for each organization.
4. To fulfill the goals of both programs, members who enroll in both FFA and 4-H may have their 4-H project animals as part of their FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP) projects. However, during initial weigh-in and on fair entry forms it must be clearly stated if they will exhibit in 4-H or FFA. Members may not show the same animals for both FFA and 4-H at the same contest/fair/show.
5. Youth programs in all fairs should operate in a similar manner to County 4H/FFA fairs.
6. A joint committee should be appointed to promote and maintain close cooperative relationships between organizations. Membership of the committee would consist of representation from the University of Idaho Extension Educators and 4-H Coordinators, the Idaho Agricultural Science &

Technology instructors, and administrative representatives of the University of Idaho Extension and the State Division of Professional-Technical Education. This committee should meet in conjunction with another meeting of either group for ease of meeting.

7. UI Extension Educators, 4-H Coordinators, and local FFA advisors should meet, at a minimum of, once a year to plan education events such as fair. More meetings may be beneficial for the educational success of the youth participants.
8. 4-H and FFA members, parents, volunteers, and advisors must respect all project and fair deadlines and requirements.
9. Publicity should reflect the contribution of each organization, giving full credit with respect to each program when the joint contribution is evident in the development of an individual and his/her project.
10. Members who participate in both 4-H and FFA activities are eligible to participate in judging or bowl activities of both organizations. A member would not be permitted to judge as a team member or individual in both 4-H and FFA at the same contest.
11. This MOU should be reviewed and updated every 3 to 5 years.

Signed


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