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To: County Extension Agents

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RE: 4-H Survey Instruments for 2009

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The attached survey instruments have been compiled for use by county Extension agents to aid in the collection of data for:

1. completing annual contribution reports for various work teams you are associated with, and
2. State 4-H office state-wide impact statements for 2009.

There are eight survey instruments being sent to you:

1. Livestock Project Survey – for State 4-H Impact Statement and work team reporting
2. Horse Project Survey – for State 4-H Impact Statement and work team reporting
3. 4-H Member Life Skills Survey – for State 4-H Impact Statement and work team reporting
4. Community Service Survey – for State 4-H Impact Statement and work team reporting
5. Volunteer Knowledge and Skill Survey – for State 4-H Impact Statement and work team reporting
6. 4-H Contest Survey - **Do Not Return this survey to the State 4-H Office – Use this information for your work team contribution report.**
7. Volunteer Impact and Essential Elements Survey – **Do Not Return this survey to the State 4-H Office – Use this information for your work team contribution report.**
8. Volunteer Motivation Survey – **Do Not Return this survey to the State 4-H Office – Use this information for your work team contribution report.**

#### **Specific instructions for use of 4-H survey instruments**

Please keep this cover letter as a source of instructions for the use of the 4-H survey instruments that are being used to collect data in 2009. We are asking that a 4-H member complete a specific survey only one time. However, a particular 4-H member could very well complete more than one survey if applicable. Most counties are planning to collect this data at their county fair.

General instructions that apply to all for the surveys include:

1. Years in 4-H– If this is the member's /volunteer's first year in 4-H, they should answer "1 year."
2. They should write their age in years.

The **4-H Livestock Project Survey** measures the following:

- Questions 1-5 measure changes in knowledge (short term impacts)
- Question 6 measures changes in attitude (medium term impact)
- Questions 7-11 measure behavioral changes (long term impacts)

*Please return the Livestock Project Survey to the State 4-H office to be compiled and included as part of a statewide Impact Statement. Be sure to compile the results, or keep a copy, for your county contribution report.*

The **4-H Horse Project Survey** measures the following:

- Questions 1-5 measure changes in knowledge (short term impacts)
- Questions 6-10 measures behavioral changes (long term impacts)

*Please return the Horse Project Survey to the State 4-H office to be compiled and included as part of a statewide Impact Statement. Be sure to compile the results, or keep a copy, for your county contribution report.*

The **Member Life Skill Survey** measures behavioral changes which are long term impacts for work team contribution reports. *Please return this survey to the State 4-H Office to be compiled and included as part of a statewide Impact Statement. Be sure to compile the results, or keep a copy, for your county contribution report.*

The **Community Service Survey** measures changes in attitude (intermediate term impacts with questions 1, 2, 3, and 6; questions 4 and 5 measure behavioral changes (long term impacts) for work team contribution reports. *Please return this survey to the State 4-H Office to be compiled and included as part of a statewide Impact Statement. Be sure to compile the results, or keep a copy, for your county contribution report.*

The **4-H Contest Survey** measures behavioral changes which are long term impacts for work team contribution reports. We are collecting this data at state-level contests for compilation into a statewide Impact Statement; but is being provided to counties if they would like to collect local data for inclusion in your work team contribution reports. **It does not need to be returned to the State 4-H office.**

#### Volunteer Surveys

The **Volunteer Knowledge and Skill Survey** measures short term results and aligns with indicators on the Volunteer Work Team POW and Contribution report. *Please return this survey to the State 4-H Office to be compiled and included as part of a statewide Impact Statement. Be sure to compile the results, or keep a copy, for your county contribution report.*

The **Volunteer Impact and Essential Elements Survey** measures intermediate and long-term impact and aligns with indicators on the Volunteer Work Team POW and contribution report. Administer this to volunteers and use to complete your annual contribution report. **It does not need to be returned to the State 4-H Office.**

The **Volunteer Motivation Survey** identifies characteristics of volunteer motivation: altruism, affiliation, achievement and power. It was developed by a team of agents this spring for county use to assess those characteristics. **This survey does not need to be returned to the State 4-H Office.**

Each county is being asked to collect data with at least one survey being returned to the State 4-H office for compilation into statewide impact statements. You may collect data with two- to four of the instruments if it works for you.

For those surveys that need to be returned to the State 4-H office, **September 15, 2009 is the deadline.**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me for clarification.