

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1995

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON FFA ASSOCIATION

and

WSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
for Yakima County

concerning

4-H AND FFA PROGRAM OPERATION IN WASHINGTON STATE

Agriculture Education/FFA and the 4-H Youth Development Programs in Washington State exist to promote the maximum, personal development of participants. To achieve this and avoid program duplication, guiding principles must be understood and used by all professional leaders. We recommend that the following principles be used in carrying out the two programs in Washington State's 39 counties.

1. Agriculture Education teachers should encourage students to enroll and re-enroll in the 4-H program.
2. County extension agents and adult volunteer leaders should encourage members to enroll in Agriculture Education classes available in local secondary schools and to become members of the Washington FFA Association.
3. A member may participate in all judging or bowl division activities in FFA and 4-H unless contests are held simultaneous. Then the member must choose one.
4. Youth who are enrolled in both 4-H and FFA will not carry or exhibit the same enterprise or project during the same program year (October 1--September 30). Different enterprises and projects will be defined as specifically as possible. Yakima County 4-H Leaders Council has defined project as the following.

*These are examples of different enterprises or projects: beef breeding, beef marketing, sheep breeding, sheep marketing, swine breeding, swine marketing, production dairy cow, dairy heifer and calf, poultry breeding, poultry marketing, horse breeding and production, horse performance, vegetable gardening, container gardening, home horticulture, etc. Refer to the appropriate names of enterprises or projects used by both organizations.*

Taken from minutes of the Yakima County 4-H Leader Council "definition" of project October 28, 1995 and the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding between 4-H and FFA.

5. Members cannot exhibit the same project or individual animal in both FFA and 4-H divisions during one program year. Project records that inventory project or enterprise must accompany each article or animal when it is entered at an exhibit or fair.
6. Publicity should reflect the total contributions of both organizations.

7. For the benefit of both 4-H and FFA, separate divisions should be provided in all fairs in the state to eliminate competition between the members of the two organizations. Champions representing the two organizations will not compete against each other.

However, when a situation in a particular fair or show indicates that the creation of a youth division (without 4-H or FFA identification) is desirable, a single division may be organized with the agreement of the local agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, the county extension agents, show management and state leaders in 4-H and FFA. Local fairs or shows may set up special rules and regulations to manage that event. However, these must be in accordance with this memorandum.

8. Other Cooperative Extension programs, such as summer training programs, can be jointly planned and administered by representatives of FFA and 4-H. When practical, youths from 4-H and FFA shall be encouraged to work together in their home communities. In these cases, FFA and 4-H should both receive proper recognition.
9. Cooperative Extension of Washington State University; the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Special Services and Vocational Education; Agriculture Education; and Washington State FFA as the "approving agents" for your shows and fairs (15.76.120 (4) RCW) will inform each other in advance of basic changes contemplated for the specific youth fairs and shows for which each has the contracted responsibility; each approving agency will co-sign contracts on youth shows where both FFA and 4-H are involved. Administration of funds for the Marysville Junior Livestock Show, Washington Junior Poultry Exposition, Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Livestock Show, Washington Spring Fair, and Washington State FFA Exhibition will remain with the Washington Association of FFA. Washington State University will continue as administrator of funds for Spokane Junior Livestock Show, Eastern Washington Junior Lamb Carcass Show, and Enumclaw Junior Dairy Show.
10. The existing agreement concerning youth shows and fairs is terminated. The provisions of that agreement of April 1962 as amended in April 1970, 1973, 1976 and 1983 are either no longer applicable or are covered by Department of Agriculture regulations.

It is recommended that district or county meetings be held with agents and vocational agriculture and natural resources teachers periodically to discuss their roles and to determine local application. Frequent contacts between the agents and teachers for mutual support and planning of leadership development programs are encouraged.