

# 4-H Partners

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a 4-H beef project?



Why not find out this year! The only thing you need for the 4-H Partners project is an interest in beef and the desire to learn more!

A mentor will meet with you regularly to help you learn about the project and either the mentor or producer will keep the animal at their own facility. Then you meet with your mentor and animal to learn about how to care for the animal and what it takes to have a beef project!

Eligible youth must:

- be in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the project
- enroll as a Seward County 4-H member
- be between the ages of 8 and 18 on January 1, of the current year.
- or have participated in the program before.

In order to participate, you must complete the application form that is part of this brochure and return to the Seward County Extension Office by **March 1**. *There are a limited number of mentors and animals, so don't delay!*

This is a chance to sign up for 4-H, have access to an animal and a mentor to help you learn, get the experience and learn the responsibility of caring for a living animal, and show the animal at the Seward County Fair.

You can preview the project with the guidance of an experienced and knowledgeable mentor and decide if the beef project is for you!

A \$50 will be charged to offset the cost of feeding to show, transportation and other costs related to the project. Assistance for this fee is available.

By participating in the 4-H Partners Project youth will have the opportunity to:

- Care for a beef animal by helping to feed and observe the animal on a regular basis.
- Bypass the major expense of owning a beef animal, while previewing the project
- Exhibit your 4-H Partners animal at the Seward County Fair in a special showmanship section.

Participants will also be asked to do the following:

- Help the mentor care for the animal until after the end of the county fair
- Maintain accurate records in a 4-H Partners journal to be handed in by date of the 4-H Partners show
- Attend and participate in a mandatory session of Animal Quality Assurance training with your parents and mentor
- Complete an interview to tell about your experiences with the project over the summer



*4-Hers participating in the beef project.*

Complete the application to the right and return it no later than **March 1** to:

Seward County Extension

216 S. 9<sup>th</sup>

Seward, NE 68434

402-643-2981

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Age January 1, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to attend the 4-H Partners Animal Quality Assurance training with my child. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_