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Dear Franklin County Families,

As winter gives way to spring, we are excited to share that planning for the 2025 fair is already in full swing! Our team, including members from Extension, the Fair Board, and Superintendents, has been actively discussing some rule changes aimed at enhancing our fair experience and aligning closely with State Fair guidelines.

We believe that these updates will help our 4-H members succeed at the county level and prepare them for future competitions. Our goal is to ensure a smooth and positive transition for everyone involved, and we encourage you to reach out to the Extension office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Here are the key rule changes for the 2025 fair:

- **Age Divisions:** This year, we will have three age divisions:
  - Juniors: 7-9
  - Intermediates: 10-13
  - Seniors 14-18
- **Swine Division:** Class 161 Gilt must be farrowed after December 1st.
- **Cooler Policy:** No swap coolers will be allowed.
- **Meat Goats:** All breeding and market goats must be tagged. When tagging your meat goat, it will need a scrapies tag.
- **Grooming Rule:** All shows will be fitted shows. We encourage 4-H members to groom their livestock, but only immediate family members, legal guardians, or other Franklin County 4-H members (and their immediate families) may assist with grooming during the fair. Please note that professional fitters or livestock consultants are strictly prohibited from helping 4-H members on the fairgrounds. Violations of this rule could result in disqualification from the show and loss of eligibility for the livestock premium sale. If you witness a violation, please report it to the livestock superintendent or a Fair Board member.
- **Sale Changes for 2025:** The Fair Board has approved a new choice for 4-H members. They can select to sell their animal through the ring at the "Floor Price" or choose "Premium Only" and take their animal home.

Additionally, please be aware that there may still be changes regarding static projects in CB Hall. We are awaiting further guidance from the state and will alert you to any significant updates

that require your attention as soon as we have them. We aim to have the Fair book posted by May 1, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our 4-H program. Together, we can make this year's Fair a great success!

Best Wishes,

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