I WANT TO WORK ON MY 4-H PROJECT
WHERE DO I START?

During this time there are a lot of questions regarding 4-H, such as:

• How should I plan for my projects?
• Should I take Market animals?
• I didn’t get my project books before the office closed how can I work on my project?

Today’s topic is: **Purchasing Market Animals.** Jacki’s email on Friday referenced questions we have been receiving regarding the purchase of market animals – to buy or not to buy. Her response was that this is a decision reached through discussion and evaluation of financial resources to be dedicated towards 4-H animal projects.

Some of us are good at sitting down with paper and pencil to figure out costs while others prefer an interactive approach. Washington State University has developed a resource useful for all ages, with parental involvement. Visit the link below to access this resource:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dTIlpOhBvT1Zk01IPdzinKIG2r-g45JEi0QmOWM2U0U/edit?hl=en&hl=en#gid=3](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dTIlpOhBvT1Zk01IPdzinKIG2r-g45JEi0QmOWM2U0U/edit?hl=en&hl=en#gid=3)

The first page is the instructions, and then follow the directions!

Use estimated figures of the current going cost for animals or the current market price. This information could be researched on-line. One source that does market reports is [www.farmanddairy.com](http://www.farmanddairy.com). You can use other resources that you find as well. If you are still not sure, try an additional activity where instead of figuring what you would receive for selling the animal, figure what the value of that animal might be in your freezer.

Still not sure? Here are some questions to ask yourself before getting started.

[https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_sciences/Lesson1%20Preparing%20for%20a%20Livestock%20Project.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_sciences/Lesson1%20Preparing%20for%20a%20Livestock%20Project.pdf)

If you have an area that you are struggling in and would like more information on it, please reach out to Julie Mackey at Mackey.181@osu.edu or Jacki Baca at Baca.30@osu.edu.