



4-H Animal Science Bonanza

The 4-H Animal Science Bonanza, took place on Saturday, January 12th at the Walpole Elementary School. One hundred thirty 4-H members from New Hampshire as well as from Massachusetts and Connecticut took part in this event. 4-H members had the opportunity to participate in quiz bowls, skillathons and attend afternoon workshops. There were quiz bowls and skillathons for 4-H'ers to participate in who had an interest in Beef, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Dairy and Horse.

In addition to the morning activities, participants had the opportunity to attend an afternoon workshop. Dr. Drew Conroy from the University of New Hampshire did a presentation on Nutrition, Nicole Giguere DVM, MS Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA, APHIS, VS –New England, did a talk on Scrapie, which is a disease that affects sheep and goats. A presentation on Marketing your Product was done by Courtney Hodge from Echo Farm Pudding. Paul Dunn, a Massachusetts 4-H Volunteer, did a program on meats, and Jessica Chickering, a New Hampshire 4-H Volunteer, did a workshop on dairy judging. Members also had the opportunity to view various displays from New Hampshire Farm Bureau, New Hampshire Ag in the Classroom, and Blue Seal Feeds. One 4-H member commented that “it was a great event where I got to learn new things about beef animals in the skillathon. I really liked competing in the beef quiz bowl.”



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This event was organized by a committee of key volunteers and youth from Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties. They were assisted by Andrea Chickering Sawyer, UNH Extension Field Specialist from Cheshire County, and Jolee Chase, UNH Extension Program Associate from Hillsborough County. For more information about 4-H contact your local UNH Cooperative Extension