



Hello 4-H members-

As the fair season has come to an end, the school year has started. That means, we are heading into the fall. Did you know that some of the agronomy projects are done in the fall? We wanted to send a reminder to those who are planning to bring an agronomy project to collect your crops this fall, don't wait until summer because you won't find anything ready. As you begin thinking about what you might do with crops, review the ideas below.

Bringing a sample for your Exhibit? Plan Ahead!

Now is the time to start with some of your projects! Projects that involve a sample product may need to be selected in the fall or spring, during the harvest. Don't live on a farm? That's ok! Crops must be grown on a farm with which you have a relationship with the producer and have interviewed the producer about the growing process. Find a local farmer and learn more about agronomy!

**Corn - Ear of Corn Display:** This project needs to be completed in the fall. You will want to select 6-10 ears of dent corn of the same variety for your display.

**Corn - Jar of Corn Display:** This project could be completed in the fall (or anytime if you have a grain bin). After collecting your sample, you will want to clean it. You will want a 2-quart sample to display. Know the variety for conference judging.

**Forages:** This project could be completed in the fall, spring or summer, whenever the harvest season is for the forage you would like to display. A forage sample would include a dried sample, in a 3-5 inch tied, dried bundle or in a sample 4-6 inch slab of a bale of forage. Forages include: alfalfa, warm season grasses, cool season grasses, sorghum, native grasses, silage, etc. It is recommended that a sample analysis of your forage accompany the sample.

**Specialty Crops:** This project could be completed in the fall, spring or summer, whenever the harvest season is for the crop you would like to display. Specialty crops could include: sugar beets, edible beans, black beans, kidney beans, field produced sweet corn, peas, carrots, potatoes, popcorn, etc. After collecting your sample, you will want to



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**Small Grains:** This project could be completed in the fall or summer, depending on harvest time. Small Grains include wheat, barley, rye, oats, etc. After collecting your sample, you will want to clean it. You will want a 2-quart sample to display. Know the variety for conference judging.

**Soybeans:** This project could be completed in the fall (or anytime if you have a grain bin). After collecting your sample, you will want to clean it. You will want a 2-quart sample to display. Know the variety for conference judging.