

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE AND
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

This statement has been developed to provide an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the agencies as they relate to membership, projects, enterprises and participation in educational experiences of the youth of Iowa.

The Youth and 4-H program is conducted by the Iowa State University Extension Service in cooperation with the County Extension Council, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Agricultural Education (Ag Ed) programs, including FFA are administered by the local public school boards of education with leadership and assistance provided by agricultural education consultants, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, Iowa Department of Education.

The mission of 4-H is the life skill development of youth. The focus of Ag Education/FFA is agricultural career development. Both organizations share goals in meeting needs of young people and educating them to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may be members of either or both 4-H and FFA. Extension staff, local 4-H volunteers, and Ag Ed/FFA personnel are encouraged to cooperate in sharing resources and information to provide educational opportunities.

When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they shall plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs. Individuals may have the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA/SAE; however individuals shall not identify or nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants or animals, etc. in both organizations.

Contests should be conducted as to avoid competition between 4-H and FFA as organizations or as individuals.

Fair and show officials, Extension staff, and FFA personnel should cooperatively determine whether to conduct separate divisions or a junior division. When conducting collaborative activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations should be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print material and awards. Show supervision is to be provided by representatives of both 4-H and FFA.

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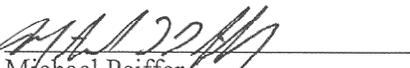
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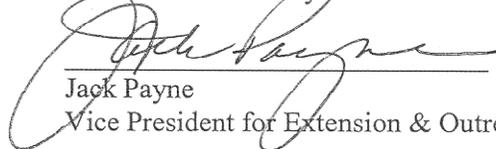


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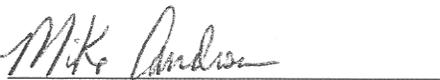
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