Bonner County 4-H Youth Educational Program has 
Positive Economic Impact on County Economy

**The Situation**

The Bonner County 4-H Program helps local youth acquire knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that enhance their lives. 4-H participants are fortunate to have the support of the community in accomplishing our 4-H mission. Over 550 youth participants and 143 adult and youth volunteer leaders had the opportunity to participate in the Bonner County 4-H youth educational program.

We are often asked what our 4-H programming efforts have to offer our community?

**Our Response**

Livestock and a wide variety of other projects provide a great opportunity for local youth to achieve our mission.

Bonner County has 29 active, organized 4-H clubs representing four major geographical locations in the county.

Our office provides leader training, youth educational programs, develops and provides educational resource materials to support leader and member participation.

**Achievements & Results**

- Volunteer leaders give generously of their time and talents to work with local youth. Leaders donate 220 hours per year preparing lessons and teaching youth. They drive an average of 350 miles per year in their privately owned cars and spend an average of $50 of their own money to support 4-H activities. Bonner County has 143 certified volunteers contributing a total of $439,195 to our county economy.

- In the 2000 project year, we had a total of 310 beef, sheep, and swine projects managed by 4-H youth. Including all costs, total receipts for these animals amounted to $115,658.

- In addition to the market animals, there are 120 youth participating in the 4-H horse program. During the 2000 project year, 4-H horse participants spent an estimated $149,631 in Bonner County.
4-H clubs conducted many Community Pride Projects giving youth an opportunity to directly impact their local communities. Leaders and participants purchased insurance, resource, and project materials, and supplies for a wide variety of miscellaneous projects. Participants also become involved with small animal projects including chickens, rabbits, pocket pets, and goats. Our records indicate these projects provide an additional $40,000 to our county economy.

Economic Impact Summary

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