MEMORANDUM

To: County Agents with 4-H Livestock Responsibilities

From: Larry Eubanks, Chad Carr, Wendy DeVito

Re: Hog & Ham Workshops

In an effort to familiarize everyone with the Hog & Ham program and provide them with the background information needed for success, a workshop will be conducted before the beginning of the program. **All new youth are required to attend this workshop to participate in the Hog & Ham program.** Youth who completed all four phases of the 2013 program (harvested a hog, retail audit, project book, demonstration) are not required to attend the Workshop. However, they are still welcome and encouraged to attend.

- Register by January 15, 2014.

Participation is open to youth (12 and older as of 9-1-13), parents, leaders, agents, or anyone with interest in the Hog & Ham program. The information to be presented is vital to the youth getting something out of this program beyond a freezer full of pork. Please note that attending the workshop does not commit a youth to participating in Hog & Ham. But a youth must have attended the Workshop to apply for the program.

The workshop is scheduled to be a full day program (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., check-in at 8:30). Topics include an overview of the swine industry, sources and selection of feeder pigs, feeding and health management, the pork product, and insight on the other phases of the program (record book, demonstration, and retail audit). The full tentative schedule will be available online later [http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/livestock/HogHam.shtml](http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/livestock/HogHam.shtml).

In order to make the schedule as efficient as possible, lunch will be provided for everyone that attends. Therefore, there is a need for preregistration and a fee to cover lunch. Please complete the workshop preregistration form and return it to us by January 15. The $5 per person, youth and adult, can be mailed ahead or paid in person at the workshop.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us (wtaylor@ufl.edu, 352-392-1912).

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