

Your State University Extension Office

The Barns of XXXXX County

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Dear 4-H Club Leaders and FFA Advisors:

On November 18, 2004, Governor xxxxxxxx proclaimed 2005 “The Year of the Barn and the Family Farm”. The last several decades we have witnessed an increase growth of industry in communities. At the same time, we are experiencing the loss of farmsteads and the significant historical value of barns. xxxxx County XSU Extension and XXX County Historic Preservation Commission are working together to recognize the barns that were built in the 1960’s or before. A picture, a complete description, and a brief history of the barns will be displayed in historic books featured, “The Barns of XXXXX County.” We are excited to begin compiling information with the help of each barn owner.

The Barns of XXXXX County Committee would like 4-H Clubs and FFA organizations to lend a hand in this community project. Our biggest challenge is gathering photographs and surveying each barn. We will break up the clubs by townships so each club will be responsible for several sections or one township. For every club that participates, they will be recognized in the book with their club photograph.

We hope that you and your club will be excited and proud to help be a part of this project. We believe the youth will gain knowledge from using a plat book, GPS geographic referencing, and of course, knowledge about our historic barns. There will be a training session on Tuesday, XXXX XX, at 6:30 pm at the XXXX County Extension Office. XXX XXXX will be teaching leaders and the youth about how to survey and photograph the farm buildings, and read a county plat book. We would like the pictures to be taken in April at each clubs convenience.

The committee will be contacting you in the future to discuss this with you more. If you have questions, please feel free to call the XXXXX County Extension Office at XXX-XXX-XXXX or toll free 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Thank you in advance for your help on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Barns of XXXX County Committee