

# 4-H Scarecrow Project

Family Exhibit



Cass County

**This manual is to be used for  
all years in this project.**

**SCARECROW SCORE CARD**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Placing\_\_\_\_\_

	Excellent	Good	Needs to Improve
Originality and Neatness			
Good Use of Materials			
Variety of Outside Materials			
Durability			
Quality of Workmanship			
Follows Given Guidelines			
Overall Presentation and Neatness			

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### EXHIBIT RULES:

1. A "Family" project may include father, mother, single parent, grandparents, guardian, sisters, brothers, etc.
2. All family members are encouraged to work on this project together.
3. Limit one scarecrow per family.
4. Scarecrows may be made out of any type of building materials; such as wood, metal or plastic. Any type of clothing material may be used.
5. SIZE: EXHIBIT SHALL NOT BE TALLER THAN 5 FEET OR WIDER THAN 4 FEET.
6. Exhibit must be constructed so that it can be hung with an appropriately attached hanger or design your own stand to support or hold your scarecrow.
7. Must be functional for field or other outdoor uses such as "decorative". Traditional farm apparel may be used. A "T" type construction is easiest and recommended.
8. A new scarecrow must be made each year. The stand can be reused.
9. All scarecrows will be judged together. A "one division for all" theme will be incorporated.
10. 4-H'ers must enroll in the scarecrow project on the 4-H enrollment form.
11. Turn in completed record sheet with the project. (One per scarecrow.)

*Any 4-H family can enter a scarecrow in the county fair.  
Some families even enter a family look-a-like!*

## ACCORDING TO WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY. . . . .

A Scarecrow is an object, usually a figure of a man in old clothes, set up to frighten crows, etc., away from crops. Or, a person in ragged clothes; or anything terrifying, but not really dangerous.

These forms of "scarecrows" do not necessarily scare crows, but they do provide enjoyment for people and help tell a special story.

Many festivals in Indiana use scarecrow figures as decorations in their yards. These yard displays may include witches and ghosts, or ma and pa. Many large parks and zoos throughout the United States now have train rides that go around the entire park or zoo area. Scenes are setup in the countryside that tell stories with the use of characters in "scarecrow form."



The 4-H Club Motto:

"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

So let's see what new and exciting ideas you can come up with for scarecrows.

