

4-H/FFA Breeding Animal Lease

DUE MAY 1, 2026

I. PURPOSE OF THE LEASE – The purpose of this lease agreement is to provide additional positive learning experiences for the 4-H/FFA member that would have otherwise been unavailable.

To provide a youth with the opportunity of participating in the 4-H/FFA Breeding Animal program when one or more of the following conditions exists:

1. The 4-H/FFA member does not have a suitable long care opportunity.
2. The family is unable to purchase a breeding animal.

*Note - Offspring of leased animals are **not** eligible for birth to Finish Classes under the Lessee

The lease is to be in place at least 60 days prior to exhibition (ORC 901-19-39) and be in effect until the end of the project. However, the county may require it be submitted at an earlier date (i.e. project enrollment deadline).

Leasing MARKET animals for youth exhibition projects is NOT permitted under any circumstances.

II. RULES FOR LESSORS OF BREEDING ANIMALS TO 4-H/FFA YOUTH

1. The lessor (owner) of the breeding animal relinquishes all rights to train the animal, and the lessee has priority right to show the animal during the term of the lease. Potential lessors should not lease breeding animals they want to show on a regular basis during the term of the lease.
2. An animal cannot be leased to more than one youth per project year and may only be exhibited by the lessee in any junior exhibition, including at the Ohio State Fair
3. The lessor may not take the breeding animal back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth is neglecting or abusing the animal, or the youth agrees to return the animal.
4. The lessor should have the youth sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal, but no agreement will supersede the terms of this contract.
5. The lessor will allow the lessee to transport and show the animal in 4-H/FFA, open, or breed shows.
6. The leased animal cannot be consigned or sold through an auction or any other type of transaction, even if the owner or exhibitor “buys back” the animal.

If animal remains on lessor’s property during the lease, the lessor agrees to:

- Cooperate with the lessee in scheduling times to allow the member to work with/care for the animal(s) on the lessor’s property.
- Help the lessee better understand the breeding industry.
- Teach the lessee proper techniques in breeding animal care.

III. RULES FOR LESSEES

1. The lessee is responsible for the daily care of the animal in whatever manner decided upon by them and the lessor. However, this must include major responsibility and performance by the lessee for this care.
2. The lessee will be responsible to write up an agreement in consultation with the lessor to cover who is responsible for expenses of care of the animal and who is liable in case of injury or death of the animal. Both the lessor and lessee must sign it, and a copy of that agreement be attached to this contract agreement.
3. Showing expenses will be the responsibility of the lessee.
4. The lessee is responsible to take this completed contract to the County 4-H Educator/FFA Advisor, at least 60 days prior to exhibition (ORC 901-19-39). However, the county may require it be submitted at an earlier date (i.e. project enrollment deadline).

IV. DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL – Attach color photo of animal.

Species:

Cattle Goat Sheep Llama/Alpaca

Name: _____ Tag Number: _____

Registration Number (if applicable): _____ Ear Notch (if applicable): _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Birth Date: _____

Color: _____ Markings: _____

Distinguishing Marks (scars, unique colorings, etc): _____

Attach photos here

Lessor

Lessee

Name _____
(print)

Name _____
(print)

Address _____

Address _____

City _____

City _____

Date _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

This lease has been approved by:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

date

Lessor (Owner of Animal) _____

date

Livestock Care Agreement

There are instances when a 4-H member is not able to fully provide care of their animal. In order to make sure the youth, parent(s), 4-H advisor, and Extension Office are informed and in agreement about the expectations of the 4-H member and the requirements of the 4-H project, the following agreement should be completed. This form is to be used any time a situation impacts the ability of the 4-H member to deliver/fulfill the daily care requirements of the animal (e.g. shared parenting where parents are a great distance apart; living away from home such as attending college; medical need and/or physical injury; military service; study abroad; etc.).

A 4-H member should complete this agreement form and submit it to the County Extension Office by **4PM on May 1, 2026**. The agreement is for one 4-H project year and should be submitted annually for each livestock project taken. If there are extenuating circumstances that arise and a 4-H member is not able to fully provide care of their animal after the project enrollment deadline, please contact the County Extension Office and submit the agreement within 15 days of the known extenuating circumstance.

Name of 4-H Member _____

4-H Club _____ Project Year _____

Please respond to the following questions:

- 1) Why is the 4-H member not in continual care of the 4-H project? If the reason is due to joint/shared parenting, what is the parental agreement for the youth member? (e.g. when will they be with one parent and when will they be with the other parent.) If it due to medical need, military service, or study abroad, please provide documentation.

- 2) How will the 4-Her meet the meeting, QA, and/or other requirements to complete the project?



3) If planning to exhibit at the county fair, how will the 4-Her meet any additional fair related requirements? (e.g. tag ins, weigh ins, project registration, etc.)

4) How will the 4-Her meet the requirements of being in continual care of the project?

5) What are the 4-Her's goals for the project (e.g. how will they learn and grow from the experience, what is their health/nutrition plan/etc.)?

We understand that the 4-H member must:

- be a 4-H member in good standing (meet club/county attendance/participation requirements, follow code of conduct, etc.)
- complete project and exhibition requirements (e.g. project record book, skillathon, tagging, etc.)
- enroll in their project by the county deadline
- if required, complete Quality Assurance by the county deadline (or exhibition deadline if sooner than county)
- be involved with the decisions regarding care of the animal (e.g. nutrition, exercise, etc.)
This includes regularly communicating with the person who is providing care for the animal when the member is not physically present.

We understand that if the member is not in compliance with the above stated items, the member may be ineligible to represent 4-H and / or receive awards, financial support, or other recognition at shows, exhibitions, fairs, events, and other competitions for the respective project.

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| _____ Parent/Guardian Printed Name | _____ Signature | _____ Date |
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| _____ Parent/Guardian Printed Name | _____ Signature | _____ Date |
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| _____ 4-H Advisor Printed Name | _____ Signature | _____ Date |
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| _____ 4-H Professional Printed Name | _____ Signature | _____ Date |
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