

**AGREEMENT**  
**SUSSEX COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL LAND/LEASE**  
**AGREEMENT BETWEEN 4-H MEMBER AND LEGAL**  
**OWNER/LAND OWNER**

Name of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: Sussex Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (as of Sept.) Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the 4-H Animal Lease/ Agreement and will abide by all of the requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 4-H Member Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL OWNER OF ANIMAL or LANDOWNER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Sussex County 4-H Animal Lease/Agreement. I will abide by it and loan the following animal(s) to the 4-H member noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Owner Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Beef       Dairy       Goat       Lamb       Sheep       Other\_

Animal's Name	ID/Registration #	Ear Tag/Tattoo # (if applicable)	Breed	Date of Birth	Sex

I verify that the 4-H member is a Member in Good Standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader's Signature Date

I verify that the 4-H member is a Member in Good Standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 County Agent's/Program Associate's Signature Date

**Form Must be Received in the 4-H Extension Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Beef projects are due January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Breeding Sheep and Goat projects are due February 1<sup>st</sup>**

# SUSSEX COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL LAND/LEASE/ PROGRAM

## OBJECTIVE OF THE 4-H ANIMAL LEASE/ PROGRAM

The objective of this program is to allow youth who do not have the resources to raise/own a 4-H animal project the opportunity to have a project animal through leasing. It will also allow members who may not have space for livestock on their property to develop a boarding agreement. The 4-H member will gain first-hand experience in the management and showing of 4-H animal projects through the cooperation of local animal owners.

## RULES OF THE LEASE/ AGREEMENT

1. To be valid, the agreement must be signed by owner, 4-H member, and a parent/guardian. Upon signature of all parties involved, this Land Lease Agreement is subject to the rules described herein.
2. The term of the lease shall be the date the legal owner signs the form, until the end of the 4-H project year.
3. The project animal and Land Lease Agreement must be registered in the county 4-H Office as of **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for swine, lamb and goat. Beef projects must be filed by **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Breeding sheep and breeding goat projects are due **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Off spring may be used as a breeding or market project.
4. During the term of the agreement, the animal is considered a 4-H project. The 4-H member must keep a project specific 4-H Record Book and a Diary to document the actual time spent caring for the animal. Care includes the number of visits and specific work/care performed.
5. The 4-H member must agree to physically care for this animal to the fullest extent possible. A care schedule will be developed between the owner of the animal, landowner and the 4-H member. (The attached *4-H Member & Responsibilities* form should be completed.)
6. No animal substitutions may be made between **May 1<sup>st</sup>** and the conclusion of the 4-H project year. In the case of death, the Owner and Member may wish to make an agreement on another animal of similar age.
7. The Owner agrees not to sell the animal after signing the agreement and the NJ 4-H project animal show and/or end of project year.
8. At the end of the lease, the Owner and 4-H Member may choose to renew the agreement for another year.
9. All 4-H rules, policies, requirements for specific animal project apply to this project.
10. The land owner, leader, or legal owner must be held harmless by the 4-H member, friends, family, etc. if any injuries occur unless gross negligence can be attributed to the land owner, leader, or legal owner.

## RULES OF SPECIFIC PROJECT ANIMAL AGREEMENT

### BEEF/LAMBS/SHEEP/GOATS/SWINE

1. A 4-H Member may enter only one new lease each 4-H project year.
2. Registration forms and photos for beef projects participating in the 4-H Market Animal Sale must be on file in the 4-H Office by **January 1<sup>st</sup>**.
3. Breeding sheep and goat forms are due **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.
4. Registration forms and photos for market lamb/goats/swine projects participating in the 4-H Market Animal Sale must be on file in the 4-H Office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.
5. The livestock owner has the right to cancel the lend agreement at any time if the 4-H Member is not caring for the animal properly to where the 4-H Member has caused harm to the health and welfare of the animal.

### DAIRY

1. The first year an animal is leased by a 4-H Member it must not have calved (under two years of age).
2. To be eligible for the lease/borrow program, a 4-H Member must not currently own (or purchase within current project year) a dairy cow or calf.
3. A 4-H Member may enter into only one lease their first year in 4H. After the first year, they may enter into 1 or 2 new leases per year.
4. No animal substitutions may be made after the May 1 deadline on a signed lease.

*The legal / land owner has the right to cancel the agreement at any time if the 4-H Member is not caring for the animal properly to where the 4-H Member has caused harm to the health and welfare of the animal.*

**Sussex County 4-H Animal Land Lease Agreement  
4-H Member and Owner Responsibilities**

Project Year:
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Subject	Owner Responsible	Member Responsible	Comment (i.e. times/week/month)
<b>Routine Care</b>			
Daily Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot Trimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grooming (shearing, clipping)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
De-worming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Housing of Animal(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Breeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cleaning Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Exhibition</b>			
Transportation to/from	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Veterinary Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Feed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Veterinary (routine)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Veterinary (exhibition)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transportation Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rental Fee/Animal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Equipment</b>			
Buckets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Halters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shears/Clippers/Scissors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fitting Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other</b>			
Product (fleece, milk, offspring, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature