

4-H/FFA Dairy Lease

Mercer County Lease Agreement Paperwork is due May 31, 2025 to the Mercer County OSU Extension Office for the 2025 Junior Fair.

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

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 Dairy program when one or more of the following conditions exists:

1. The youth member does not have a suitable long care opportunity.
2. The family is unable to purchase a Dairy animal.

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

1. The lessor (owner) of the DAIRY animal relinquishes all rights to train the animal, and the lessee has priority right to show the dairy animal during the term of the lease. Potential lessors should not lease dairy 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 dairy 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 dairy industry.
- Teach the lessee proper techniques in dairy 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 DAIRY ANIMAL – Attach color photo of animal.

Species: Goat Dairy Cattle

Name: _____ Tag Number: _____

Registration Number (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