



Vermont 4-H Livestock Lease/Loan Agreement

Species _____

This agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, between 4-H member _____, the renter/borrower, address _____, Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____, and the legal Owner of the below described livestock _____, address _____, Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____.

This agreement shall persist until the _____ day of _____, 20____, or may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement in writing, or by at least _____ month(s)/days written notice from either party.

If rental, agrees to pay a rental fee of \$ _____, for the animal(s) described herein, payable on or about the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

It is hereby agreed that the title to said animal(s) shall at all times remain in the possession of the Owner. It is agreed that for the duration of this agreement, the renter/borrower shall have sole right of exhibition until such time as the renter/borrower is physically unable to exercise this right.

Attached Stipulations? YES ___ NO ___; If yes, attach additional sheets. Make sure the owner, member and parent/guardian(s) have signed.

Description of Livestock:

Breed	Animal Name	Birth Date	Sex	RFID/840	Ear Tag #

All 4-H project animals are shown / exhibited at the risk of the 4-H member. Any damage to persons or property are the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member and their family and the family who leased/loaned them the animal. UVM Extension requires written lease/loan agreements, however it is the responsibility of both parties to agree upon the terms and UVM is not involved in the executing, implementation or termination of any lease/loan agreement. **Do not write below the boxes. If you have more animals, please use additional forms. This form is due in your County 4-H office on May 1.**

Signature _____
(Renter/borrower)

Date: _____

Signature _____
(Owner)

Date: _____

Signature _____
(Parent or guardian)

Date: _____

GUIDELINES TO COMPLETING A 4-H LEASE/LOAN AGREEMENT

REQUIREMENTS:

All leased/loaned 4-H project animals must have a written lease/loan agreement form. Complete a separate lease/loan agreement form for each species.

1. Enter the number of the day, the month, and the year. This is the date the lease/loan agreement will take effect. It must be prior to any deadlines for approval forms.
2. Enter the date the lease/loan agreement will end, and the number of months/days notice either party must give the other before terminating the lease.
3. Indicate the amount of the rental fee, if any.
4. **Beginning November 5, 2024, there will be only one USDA-official tag type approved for cattle. [USDA's final rule](#) for cattle ID requires all official tags applied to cattle after November 5, 2024, to be both RFID and visually readable. Vermont will no longer be supplying silver metal National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES or 'brite') tags for use in cattle. RFID tags are mandatory for Eastern States Exposition.**
 -
 - 5. ALL parties indicated must sign and date the lease/loan agreement form in order for it to be acceptable: renter/borrower, owner, parent/guardian of renter/borrower.
 - 6. For Dairy & Beef animals, the lease/loan agreement must be in effect by April 30. If the animal is being shown as a 2 year old or older, the lease/loan agreement must have existed before the animal reached her second birthday.
 - 7. Lease/loan agreement forms must be submitted with approval forms to your Extension Educator on time in order for the animal to be shown in 4-H classes. That due date is April 30.
 - 8. All leased/loaned animals must be legitimate 4-H projects. The member must assume responsibility for care and management of all project animals.

SUGGESTED STIPULATIONS TO ATTACH TO LEASE/LOAN AGREEMENT FOR 4-H LIVESTOCK

1. Animal Health - veterinary fees, drugs, vaccinations, etc.
2. Breeding - sire, associated fees, ownership of offspring, etc.
3. Liability - injury to the animal, injury by the animal
4. Feeding - costs, types of feed, source of feed
5. Returns to 4-H'er - for labor, for management
6. Housing - specifications
7. Exhibiting - transportation, disposition of premiums and awards
8. Arbitration of disagreement

This is a partial list suggesting areas that should be considered and resolved before signing a lease/loan agreement. When including an item in an agreement, clearly state the item and the roles of the renter/borrower and owner, being as specific and concise as possible.

Consult your program handbook, 4-H Leader, or Extension 4-H Educator for specific requirements for your species.