# Record of 4-H Lease for Production Animals

(beef, swine, goat, dairy cattle, sheep, poultry, other)

**One Form Per Species**

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<th>Breed</th>
<th>Animal Name</th>
<th>Registration Number and/or ID Number (microchip, tattoo or farm tag)</th>
<th>Animal Date of Birth (mo/date/yr)</th>
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This certifies that 4-H member _______________________________ and the owner of the animal(s) _______________________________ have entered into an agreement involving the following animal(s): Use additional forms if necessary.

The above named animal(s) is/are leased to the 4-H member for the period beginning _____________ (date) and terminating on ________________ (date).

Two copies of this record should be made: one for the animal owner and one for the member to keep. The lease must have an effective date on or prior to the 4-H Intent to Show Form or 4hOnline Animal Enrollment deadline for that species and must be in the name of the 4-H member. Leased animals must have the lease form uploaded to their 4hOnline Animal Enrollment or attached to paper 4-H Intent to Show Form.

I have read and understand the policies for 4-H Leases. See webpage on "What is a 4-H Lease and How do I Set One Up?" [http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-4-H-Animal-Leases](http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-4-H-Animal-Leases) and understand the polices and guidelines associated with 4-H leases. The responsibilities have been discussed, the 4-H member will have significant access to the project animal with significant responsibility for its care and a lease agreement exists and has been agreed upon by all parties. All 4-H project animals are shown at the risk of the 4-H member. Any damage to persons or property is the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member and their family who leases the animal. UNH Cooperative Extension encourages written lease agreements, however it is the responsibility of both parties to agree upon the lease terms and UNHCE is not legally involved in the writing, implementation or termination of any lease.

__________________________________________  __________________________
Member                                         Parent or Guardian

__________________________________________  __________________________
Animal Owner                                    date
New Hampshire 4-H Lease Policy

4-H members in New Hampshire who, may not have the opportunity to own a project animal or desire additional project animals may lease an animal(s) from a second party.

It should be understood that the lease allows the 4-H member to use the specified animal(s) as a 4-H project. It is not necessary that the leased animal be housed at the home of the 4-H member; however, the 4-H member must have significant access to the project animal(s) and be responsible for at least significant care of the animal(s) as outlined below. The lease MUST be in the name of the member who will be exhibiting the leased animal.

The number of production animals of a particular species that a member may lease is limited to three per species. For every owned animal of a species, the number of leased animals is reduced by one (for example if a member owns 1 goat, they may lease 2 goats) It is expected that the 4-H member must have significant access to the project animal(s) and be responsible for significant care of the leased animal(s), equivalent to a minimum of 50% the work involved in caring for a single animal of that species. Lease agreements MUST be in the name of the member who will be exhibiting the leased animal.

The 4-H member must regularly work with the animal and be proficient in handling the animal prior to bringing the animal to any 4-H activity or event.

There are some animal species which have age restrictions on the animals that may be shown in 4-H shows. If you are interested in showing you will want to be aware of the age restrictions for your species prior to leasing. For example, sheep over the age of two cannot be shown in a 4-H show. For leased dairy cattle over the age of two, to be eligible for the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dairy Show, the lease agreement must have been in effect before the animal was a senior yearling.

Additional information on 4-H leases can be obtained by visiting the webpage on "What is a 4-H Lease and How do I Set One Up?"  [http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-4-H-Animal-Leases](http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-4-H-Animal-Leases)

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