

# McLean County 4-H Lamb, Goat, and Llama Lease Agreement 2025

Must be submitted to Mikayla Peters at mp50@illinois.edu before June 1st, 2025.

This lease agreement is entered on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ between:  
(no later than May 15th of current year)

Legal Owner of animal(s) (leaser) \_\_\_\_\_  
(first and last name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

McLean County 4-H youth (lessee) \_\_\_\_\_  
(first and last name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

The term of this contract will run from the above beginning date and will terminate following the county fair on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. This contract may be terminated by mutual agreement by written notice from either party. No oral modification of this lease will be binding on either party; any modification must be in writing and signed and dated by both parties.

## Animal Identification

DOB/Age	Breed	Flock ID	Scrapie ID	4-H ID	Registration #	Registered Name of Animal

Description of Animal/Color/markings \_\_\_\_\_

## Conditions of the Lease Agreement:

The 4-H member leasing the animal(s) and the Owner of the animal(s) described above agree to:

1. The location the animal will be housed during the duration of the lease? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who will incur transportation/exhibition costs of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who will bear all livestock expenses normally incurred in raising such an animal? (feed, vet costs, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who will provide necessary show equipment?(grooming supplies, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. If housed at the Owner's farm/barn, what are the set arrangements for the 4-H member to work with and care for the animal(s)? (who feeds, waters, cleans barn, etc. and when) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**4-H'er:** I hereby certify that I agree to the above rules and by signing this form I agree to follow the rules and policies set forth in the 4-H programs/events that I participate in.

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Signature

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Date

**Parents:** I verify my child's statement and will assure his/her adherence to it.

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Signature

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Date

**Legal Owner:** I certify that I have allowed this 4-H'er to use this animal for his/her 4-H project from at least May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year through county fair. I agree to the objectives of the leased animal program, and commit to assisting the 4-H'er in developing his/her skills in feeding, management, care, and training of the animal and his/her skills of decision-making, information gathering, communication, responsibility, and self-confidence. It is agreed that the title of the said animal(s) shall at all times remain the possession of the Owner (Leaser). The owner agrees to assume all legal responsibilities as owner of the animal described in this agreement and will not hold the lessee liable for any injury or death loss to the animal, except those due to negligence on the part of the 4-H/FFA member. I also certify that the stipulations concerning the lease have been or will be complied with. I have read and understand this agreement, and will abide by it. I understand that failure to abide by the above rules may result in disqualification of the 4-H'er, and my exclusion from future participation in 4-H activities.

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Signature

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Date

#### **Eligibility Requirements and Rules for Use of Leased Animals**

1. A "Leased" animal is any animal that is not owned by the 4-H'er or his/her immediate family ("Family" definition: father, step-father, mother, step-mother, legal guardian, siblings or step-siblings, grandparents or step-grandparents). Animals owned by distant family-aunts, uncles, cousins or non-relatives are considered leased animals.
2. The **objective** of a leased animal project is to allow 4-H'ers to learn the skills of feeding, management, care, and training of animals. Through this experience they also learn the skills of decision-making, information gathering, communication, responsibility, and self-confidence.
3. A lease program is appropriate when one or more of the following conditions exist:
  - a) Youth do not have the financial ability to purchase an animal
  - b) Youth has an animal but it is unable to be used (i.e. lameness, pregnancy, too young, etc.)
  - c) Youth has an animal but it is of the wrong type for the educational experience the youth wishes to obtain
4. All animals, including leased animals, must be identified by June 1st.
5. Exhibitors must meet all requirements included in 4H
6. The 4-H'er agrees to provide a majority of the management, care, and training for this animal. This includes, but is not limited to, the management, proper feeding, grooming, exercising, health and veterinary expenses, exhibitors' fees, training, boarding, etc.
7. The 4-H'er agrees to make all reasonable efforts to keep the animal in safe stalls, pastures, or corrals, and to care for the animal as if he or she was the legal owner.
8. The 4-H'er is expected to manage and care for this animal at least from May 15 through the end of the exhibiting season (county fair).
9. McLean County 4-H reserves the right to disqualify leased animal of owners who have previously violated 4-H rules.
10. Potential owners (lessor) should NOT lease animals they want to show on a regular basis during the term of a lease.
11. The leased animal may be exhibited ONLY by the 4-H'er leasing the animal during the time the lease agreement is in effect.

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McLean County Program Coordinator Signature

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Date